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Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK FILE NO. 100-24097 REPORT MADE AT DATE WHEN PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE WASHINGTON, D. C. 7/17/51 6/6;7/9/51 JACROLSK VJ:teb CHARACTER OF CASE RAYLEV SECURITY MATTER - C SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Subject issued passport 262596 May 3, 1950, for an intended four-months concert tour of Israel "en route to Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Holland, England, possibly Italy." Application for this passport disclosed she had traveled to England for study of music from 1930 to 1933; Germany and tour of European music centers from 1932 to 1933; England, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Austria in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, to the end of September, 1938, for "five or six months period of concerts. Background set out. Dec State Deck form DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C. Records of the Passport Division, Department of State, reflect RAY LEV was issued passport 262596, May 3, 1950, upon an application executed by her on April 28, 1950, at New York City, in which she stated she was born May 8, 1910, at Rostor Don, Russia; she immigrated to the United States, 1913; she resided continuously here from 1913 to 1930 at New Haven, Connecticut, Rochester and Brooklyn, New York, and her permanent residence was 140 West 69th Street, New York, New York. INDEXED - 88 RECORDED - 88 Bureau (100-370898) New York (100-90589) Washington Field

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Subject stated her father, Reverend MOSES LEV, born Russia, naturalized before the United States District Court, Brooklyn, New York, April 29, 1930, was deceased; her mother, DEBORALLEV, born Russia, 1885, was residing with her at the address indicated above.

Subject further informed she had resided in England for the purpose of study of music, with tours of European music centers from 1930 to 1933; in Germany for the purpose of study from 1932 to February, 1933; in England, France, Belgium, Holland, Switzerland, Hungary, Poland, Czechoslovakia, and Austria, in 1934, 1935, 1936, 1938, to the end of September, 1938, for five or six-months periods of concerts. She stated she had never been married and furnished the following description of herself:

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She indicated she intended to depart from the port of New York in May, 1950, via airplane for a proposed fourmonths stay in Israel "en route Luxembourg, France, Switzerland, Holland, England, Possibly Italy" for the purpose of "Fellowship awarded by Foundation for World Government, Concert tour - Israelen route -/concerts - records."

Affiant in support of her passport application was EDITH ROSS PHOSDIEFF (illegible), friend, 180 West 58th Street, New York, New York, who, stated she had known subject twenty years. In a letter accompanying her passport application, subject stated her father had been naturalized under Certificate 3245841, issued inp 1929 - 1930 by the Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, and that her mother had been issued certificate of naturalization #5601401, August 3, 1943, by the same court. She indicated that she was traveling to Israel with a group, under a Fellowship given by the Foundation for World Government, 58 Park Avenue, New York City, Dr. STRINGFELLOW BARR, President.

Passport 176808 was issued to subject April 9, 1935, for her intended six-months stay in England for the purpose of "study music and pleasure." This passport was limited to expire September 1, 1935. Subject's permanent residence at this time was indicated to be 333 East 34th Street, Brooklyn, New York, This passport was extended on July 9, 1936, at Washington, D. C., to expire April 9, 1937.

On June 28, 1935, subject executed an affidavit at the American Consulate, London, England, to explain her protracted foreign residence in which she stated she went abroad in September, 1930, to study music in England under ta > New York Philharmonic Symphony Scholarship and the American Matthay Association Scholarship to study until September, 1933. She stated she returned home and remained here until April, 1934, when she again traveled to England for four months. In August, 1934, she returned to the United States remaining until April, 1935. She then traveled to England to be coached by TOBIAS MATTHAY and to give a recital in London, England in June 1934. She stated that she had to stay until the end of September, 1935, in order to benefit by instructions received from Mr. MATTHAY. She further pointed out that when she returned to the United States, she expected to remain for at least a year.

On June 28, 1935, subject's passport 176808 was extended for three months by the American Consulate, London, England. Her application for extension of passport disclosed subject was residing 26 Prince's Square, London, England.

On September 12, 1935, subject's passport, #176808, was extended for one year by the American Consulate, London, England, to expire April 9, 1936. On July 9, 1936, subject's passport, #176808, was extended at Washington, D. C., to expire April 9, 1937.

On February 26, 1938, this passport was extended at Washington, D. C., to expire April 9, 1939. In a letter accompanying her application for renewal of this passport, subject stated she intended to travel to England, France, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Sweden, for the purpose of concerts and pleasure and that she would depart from the port of New York on board the Normandie. She stated she would be abroad for nine months.

In a letter to the Passport Division, dated July 12, 1941, subject advised that upon her return to the United States June 21, 1941, from Toronto, Canada, her passport, #176808, had been lifted from her at LaGuardia Airport and requested that this passport be returned to her since it was a document by which she proved her citizenship.

The Passport Division advised subject that, since the year of her birth had been altered in this passport, that document had to be retained in the department's files and could not be returned to her.

Passport 247768 was issued subject May 23, 1930, upon an application in which she stated she intended to reside in England for two years for the purpose of "study of music." She indicated her address at that time was 1135 43rd Street, Brooklyn, New York. This passport was renewed March 4, 1942, for two years by the American Consulate, London, England.

A notation on subject's 1930 passport application disclosed her father's naturalization certificate, #3245841, issued April 29, 1930, had been seen by the Passport Division.

Affiant in support of her 1930 passport application was WILLIAM JONES, 158 East 55th Street, New York City, who stated he had known subject five years.

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REFERENCE: Report of SA THOMAS J. HURLEY, made at New York, New York, dated May 31, 1951.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1 THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT NEW YORK

NYFILE NO. 100-90589 ALK

REPORT MADE AT NEW YORK	AUG 9 1951 6/28/51	THOMAS J. HURLEY, JR.
RAY LEV, was.,	Rachel Lev,	CHARACTER OF CASE SECURITY MATTER-C

SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Subject naturalized through her father's papers 4/29/30. Her date of birth is shown as 5/8/10 at Russia.

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DETAILS:

At New York City

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The additional aliases of RACHEL LEV and RACHEL LOW are added to the title. They are reflected in the naturalization records of the Eastern District Federal Court, Brooklyn, New York.

The records of the Eastern District Federal Court, Brooklyn, New York, Petition Number 139692, reflected that the subject derived her citizenship through her father, MOSES LEV, who was naturalized on April 29, 1930 at the above court.

The above records reflected that MOSESXLEV arrived in New York City from Germany on May 28, 1913 under the name of MOSESXIOW.

These records in addition, reflected that the subject's parents were born in Russia, and that the subject, RACHEL, was born in Russia on May 8, 1910, further, that subject's sister, MERIAN, was born in New York City on January 18, 1915.

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SAC, New York (100-90589)

June 30, 1953

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RAY LEV
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In view of the fact that there is no evidence of Communist Party membership on the part of the subject since 1945, she should be interviewed under the regular interview program rather than the Security Informant Program.

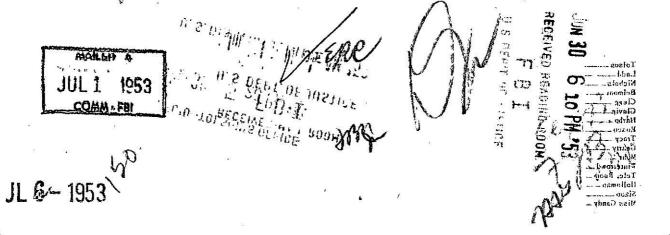
This interview should be conducted in accordance with existing Bureau instructions relating to interviews with security subjects.

NOTE ON YELLOW ONLY:

Subject is well-known concert pianist. Known CP membership in early 1940's. For number of years and up till present time, she has been affiliated with and appeared on programs sponsored by Communist front organizations.

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Office Memorandum • United States Government

Director, FBI

DATE: 6/16/53

FROM SAC, New York (100-90589)

RAY LEV SM-C

> SECURITY INFORMANT PROGRAM NEW YORK DIVISION



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The above captioned individual is being considered for interview under the Security Informant Program.

BACKGROUND

SUBJECT

LEV was born 5/8/10 or 5/8/12 in Russia. Her parents came to the United States prior to World War I on a visit. Because of the war, they did not return to Russia. Her father was a Cantor. The early years of her life were spent in New Haven, Conn., Manhattan, Brooklyn, and Philadelphia. She was naturalized in April, 1930, at Brooklyn, NY, through her father's papers. In 1920 she won a scholarship to the Music School Settlement, Brooklyn, NY. While attending this school she was also a student at a local high school. After two and a half years in high school, she left school to prepare for a scholarship offered by the New ork Philharmonic Symphony Society Scholarship Committee. In competition with contestants from every state at Yale University, New Haven, Conn., she won the Society's award and subsequently spent the summers of 1927, 1928, and 1929 studying music at East Blue Hill, Maine. She laterstudied music in Europe.

RAY LEV is a well known concert pianist. She has given concerts throughout the USA and Europe. She has appeared in numerous concerts with PAUL ROBSON.

She was an unsuccessful ALP candidate for City Youncil in Manhattan, NYC, in 1949.

She is at present unemployed. She is single and resides at the Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 West 69th Street, NYC.

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Letter to Director NY 100-90589

COMMUNIST PARTY ACTIVITY

LEV was an adherent of the CP from 1943 to 1945. In 1945 she was a member of the Communist Political Association. She has appeared on musical programs at a great many Communist front organization activities, and her name has been used as sponsoring many CP front activities. While there is no indication of present CP membership, there is no evidence that she is not a Communist.

Some of her most recent activities are listed as follows:

On 9/30/49 LEV wrote to the writer of "Bhoadway Beat" column in the "Daily Worker", requesting that no public functions be held that would interfere with her recitation at Carnegie Hall on 11/11/49.

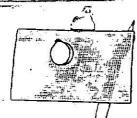
On 6/25/52 she was listed on the musical program at a reception held in NYC, honoring the 16 defendents of the Smith Act trials being held in NYC. On 3/24/52 LEV made reservations for the Civil Rights Congress anniversary dinner. On 9/5/52 the Committee for Eighth Anniversary of Romanian Freedom were to celebrate, speakers included HOWARD FAST, novelist. RAY LEV was included in the concert portion of the program.

RAY LEV is a security index subject of the NYO.

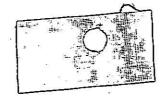
LEV has been connected with a large number of CP front activities over the years. Her associations and prestige as a noted concert pianist has brought her in contact with many of the top echelon Communists. Her attendance at functions relating to Smith Act subjects is a potential source of information, in addition to her contacts in CP front activities in general.

Bureau authority is requested to interview LEV in an effort to develope her as a Security informant, under existing Bureau instructions.

LEV will be approached at a discreet distance away from her residence, if Bureau permission for this interview is granted.



SAC, New York (100-9/589)



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As set forth in mylet, this interview should be conducted under the regular interview program rather than the Security Informant Program. Accordingly, the information set forth in urlet does not apply to the conditions for the interview and you are again requested to conduct this interview.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject on SI. However, Bulet June 30, 1953, advised subject should be interviewed under regular program, since no evidence CP membership since 1945. Subject is well-known concert pianist.

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SUBJECT: LEV, wa; Mrs. George P.

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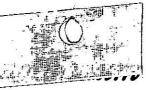
The name GEORGE P. EDGAR is being added to the title of instant letter to reflect the present married name of the subject. It has been ascertained that the subject is now married to GEORGE PAEDGAR, and resides with him at 490 West End Ave., NY. NY. In addition to being a housewife, she is self employed as a piano teacher at her home address. It has been ascertained that the subject presently has no definite working hours, or definite time when she could be approached under proper security conditions. Numerous surveillances to date at her place of residence have failed to find her where she could be approached under proper security conditions. is not believed that further consideration should be given to interviewing her under this program.

Form FD-122 reflecting change of name, address and employment has previously been submitted.

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Miss Lilias MacKinnon, tele. locally

Miss Mackinnon stated that she is a naturalized American citizen, having come from Scotland, and that she has furnished information to the Bureau before and she believed she has some information now which the Bureau might be interested in.

She advised that she is a music teacher and is planning to begin teaching at the Barney Nieghborhood House and while taking with Mrs. Goodrich, who is in charge there, she discovered that the Community Chest is attempting to force a merger of the Barney Neighborhood House with the similar service in that section for the Colored Children. Miss Mackinnon said she believed this could be only instigated by the Communists.

Miss Mackinnon then stated that she had other information which she would like to volunteer, She said she had studied music in England a number of years ago and there was another student studying there at that time named Miss Ray Lev, who is now a concert pianist in this ountry. Miss Mackinnon has reason to believe that Miss Lev is a Communist.

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She asserted that as a result of origin and background she feels that as a "Jew" she is a member of a minority group. She further stated that she feels it is incumbent upon her to aid Jewish people and those of foreign birth. In accordance with these feelings, she continued, she has in the past assisted either as a sponsor or performer at many organizations whose ultimate purpose or officers were unknown to her. In many instances, according to LEV, she appeared at functions, rendered her piano recital, and departed without any further association with the members or other "artists".

Miss LEV further stated that she received all her requests for assistance through the mail and reached a conclusion to assist, or not to assist, without influence being brought upon her by anyone else.

Upon being questioned regarding her appearance before, and support of organizations now appearing on the Attorney General's list, Miss LEV stated that since she made these appearances there have been many changes, and that her actions, although then acceptable, are now looked upon with disfavor. She attempted to explain many of them by her sympathy for Jewish people and minority groups. She stated that such actions might again become acceptable.

In particular reference to Communism Miss LEV said she would not express an opinion except where it was necessary in the usual and proper legal procedure. NY 100-90589

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will report the subject's activities subsequent to the report of SA THOMAS J. HURLEY, JR. at New York dated 8/9/51.

REFERENCE: New York letter to Bureau dated 6/16/53. Bureau letter to New York dated 6/30/53.

fice Memorandum UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Mr. A. H. Belmon file

DATE: March 12, 1954

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

SECURITY MATTER

(100-370898)

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The attached memorandum containing information concerning captioned individual was furnished to the Bureau on January 11, 1954, by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. Pennington advised he had obtained same from Dick Arens, Senate Subcommittee on Immigration of the Committee on the Judiciary. It is noted that the attached memorandum contains information which, according to the House Committee on Un-American Activities, U. S. House of Representatives, is contained in the public records, files and publications of that Committee. This information was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security.

It is further noted that subject's name appeared in the October 1, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," east coast Communist newspaper, as one of 99 "notables" who were reported in that particular issue as sponsors of a National Conference to Repeal the McCarran - Walter Law. The conference was scheduled for December 12 and 13, 1953, Walsh's Hall, 1014 North Noble Street, Chicago, Illinois, under the auspices of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born. This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

Captioned individual is (is hot) the subject of a pending (e) (e) (e) Security Matter investigation. Subject is (is not) listed on the Security Index. is the Office of Origin in New York this case.

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OBSERVATIONS: A comparison of the information contained in the attached memorandum with information in subject's main file reflects that the Bureau is in possession of substantially the same information. is not thought that further investigation is necessary-based on the information contained in the attachment. However, since subject's main file does not contain identical references with some of that in the HCUA memorandum, a Photostat is being forwarded to the office of origin for inclusion in the compt LX - 1570 - 38

RECOMMENDATION:

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Attachment

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INFORMATION FROM THE FILES OF THE COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES U. S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DATE: October 21, 1953

FOR: Honorable William E. Jenner, Chairman Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security

SUBJECT: Ray Lev

The public records, files and publications of this Committee contain the following information concerning the individual named above. This report should not be construed as representing the results of an investigation by nor findings of this Committee. It should be noted that the individual referred to is not necessarily a Communist, a Communist sympathizer, or a fellow-traveler, unlessotherwise indicated.

- (1) Cited by Special Committee and/or Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities:
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Guest of Honor at "United Nations in America" dinner, Apr. 17, 1943

Leaflet, Invitation to dinner

Signed letter attacking deportation of Communists

Daily Worker, May 12. 1948, p. 4.

Signed statement against Hobbs

Daily Worker, July 25, 1950, p. 4.

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Book 1578 of Coupons issued by Committee: 1950 le tterhead; letterhead of Dec. 11 and 12, 1948; Daily Worker, Apr. 29. 1953, p. 6; Photostatic Copy of undated letterhead of 20th Anniversary National Conference ..., U.E. Hall, Chicago, Ill. (Dec. 8-9, 1951); Letterhead of Midwest Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Apr. 30, 1951; Daily Morker, Apr. 4, 1951, p. 8.

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Committee for Freedom of the Press

Committee for Peaceful

Alternatives to the

Atlantic Pact (1)

Member; pledges aid for continued existence of Daily Worker. (Iden. as concert Planist)

Signer of statement calling for Statement attached to International Agreement to Ban press release of Dec. 14, Use of Atomic Weapons

1949, p. 13.

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Signer of statement

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Signer, "Resolution Against

Mimeographed list of signers attached to letterhead of July 28, 1950

Congressional Record, July 14, 1949, p. 9620 Sciences & Professions

National Council of Arts, Speaker for New York Council, in N.Y.C., Nov. 1, 1949

Handbill, "Marcantonio speaks to Broadway"

People's Radio Foundation Inc., (2)

Signer, for New York State Council statement urging Truman talk with Stalin

Daily Worker, Feb. 9. 1949, p. 11.

Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee (1)

Individual endorser and/or stockholder

Photostat of leaflet, FM People's Radio Foundation, inc.

Schappes Defense Committee (1) and (2)

Signed Declaration honoring Dimitrov

New York Times, Dec. 22, 1943, p. 40.

Signed Open Letter to Gov. Thomas E. Dewey

New York Times, Oct. 9, 1944, p. 12.

Soviet Russia Today (1) Member, Advisory Council

Letterhead, Sept. 8, 1947; Letterhead, Sept. 30, 1947; Undated letterhead, rec'd April 1948

United American Artists (1)

Entertainer, Testimonial to Rockwell Kent, N.Y.C., May 17,

New Masses, May 20, 1941,

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Entertainer at benefit performance, New York

Daily Worker, Jan. 15, 1948, p. 13

Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day

Sponsor

Daily Worker, Apr. 30. 19կ8, թ. 5.

Gitizens Committee for Robert Thompson and Ben. J. Davis

Member

Washington Post, Nov. 4, 1946, an adv.

Committee for Leo Isacson (ALP candidate)

Endorser

Daily Worker, Feb. 9. 1948, p. 7.

Citizens Committee to Elect Leo Isacson to Congress

Member

East Bronx News, Feb. 13, 1948

Masses and Mainstream

Signer of letter defending open letter to Soviet writers

Daily Worker, May 7, 1948, p. 13.

National Committee to Win the Peace (2)

Member, New York Committee

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Attached for your information and the completion of your file is a Photostat/of a memorandum containing information reportedly from the public records, files and publications of the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives (HCUA). This memorandum was furnished the Bureau by former Inspector Lee Pennington, presently Director, National Americanism Commission of the American Legion. You will note that the memorandum was evidently prepared for Senator William E. Jenner, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security. The inclusion of this information in HCUA files has not been verifted by the Bureau.

A comparison of the information contained in the attached Photostat with subject's main file at the Seat of Government reflects that Bureau files contain substantially the same information. However, subject's main file does not reflect each individual item as set forth in the attachment. You should include the information in the attachment in your next report.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST PARTY MOVEMENT

A. Fronts

T-l advised on February 4, 1952, that the subject's name appeared on a luncheon guest list for a National Council of American-Soviet Friendship luncheon held February 3, 1952, at the Brevoort Hotel, New York City.

The National Council of American-Soviet Friendship has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The April 10, 1952, edition of the "Daily Worker", in an article entitled "Peace Institute to be Held April 19th" reflected that a New York Peace Institute will be held April 19, 1952, from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM at the Hotel Ansonia, New York City. The "institute is sponsored by over 50 prominent peace leaders and representatives from churches, labor, the Negro people and Community organizations." RAY LEV was listed as one of the above described leaders.

T-5 advised on June 5, 1952, that RAY LEV was among the sponsors "in the call to the originating conference of the New York Peace Institute held on April 19, 1952."

T-6 advised on May 26, 1952, that the subject was one of the sponsors of the New York Peace Institute in April, 1952.

T-30 advised that the New York Peace Institute has been out of existence since April, 1953, when it was absorbed into the New York Peace Council of the American Peace Crusade.

The American Peace Crusade has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" is an East Coast Communist daily publication.

The February 9, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker" reflected that the subject was an endorser for the Committee for LEO ISACSON. LEO ISACSON was the American Labor Party candidate. The "East Bronx News" dated February 13, 1948, reflected that the subject was a member of the Citizens Committee to Elect LEO ISACSON to Congress.

On November 6, 1951, T-7 advised that the subject was among those who sat on the dias at a dinner held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, on the evening of June 4, 1951, which was sponsored by the American Labor Party.

Concerning the American Labor Party, the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

- "I. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Party throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

 (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 78.)
- "2. Among 'organizations that are victims of Communist domination.'
 (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, pages 40 and 41.)"

An article appeared in the September 21, 1952, issue of "The Worker" on page 6, columns 4 and 5, which was a paid advertisement of open invitation to attend a buffet and musical on October 4, 1952, at the Hotel Ansonia, New York City, honoring Dr. CLEMENTINA PAOIONE and Mrs. HALOIS, MOORHEAD ROBINSON. Tickets were available at American Women for Peace, 157 Seventh Avenue, New York City.

The following appeared as an advertisement in the September 29, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker":

"Join these friends of peace.....RAY LEV, concert planist...
....honoring Dr. CLEMENTINA PAOLONE and Mrs. HALOIS MOOREHEAD ROBINSON on
October 4, 1952, at the Hotel Ansonia, New York City. Tickets available
at the American Women for Peace, 157 Seventh Avenue."

The American Women for Peace has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"The Worker" is the Sunday edition of the "Daily Worker".

On November 9, 1952, T-8 advised a social meeting was held on November 9, 1952, at the home of HERBERT and BETT MUFRECHT, 431 Riverside Drive, apartment 6-A, New York City, to raise funds for the American Peace Crusade. The informant advised that approximately 100 persons attended and that entertainment was furnished by RAY LEV, concert pianist, and FRANTZ CASSEUS, classical guitarist.

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The "Washington Post" issue of May 20, 1947, page 13, in a paid advertisement reflected that the subject signed a statement sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress defending the Communist Party.

The Civil Rights Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-4, of unknown reliability but who is in a position to furnish reliable information, advised that the subject was a sponsor of the National Conference of the Civil Rights Congress held in Chicago, Illinois, November 21 through 23, 1947.

On February 4, 1951, T-14 advised that the subject was among those from whom financial contributions were sought by the Civil Rights Congress on behalf of the Martinsville Seven.

Concerning the Martinsville Seven, the above seven were Negro men who were convicted of the crime of rape in Martinsville, Virginia, and were sentenced to death and were electrocuted in February, 1951.

T-19 and T-26 both advised that the Communist Party, the Civil Rights Congress and the Communist press gave considerable publicity to this case in their efforts to free the Martinsville Seven.

T-13 advised on July 10, 1951, that the subject had made a reservation on May 15, 1951, at the Central Plaza Hotel, New York City, by the "Defense Committee for WILLIAM L. PATTERSON" to honor PATTERSON and obtain funds for his defense. WILLIAM L. PATTERSON is the Executive Secretary of the Civil Rights Congress.

T-10 advised on June 24, 1951, that the subject attended a special meeting of the Finance Planning Committee of the New York State Civil Rights Congress held June 21, 1951, at the library of the Civil Rights Congress, 23 West 26th Street. The principal speaker was WILLIAM L. PAT-TERSON and the main topic of discussion was the formation of a "freedom fund" to raise \$50,000 to aid the Communist leaders being tried by the United States Supreme Court.

T-12 advised in September, 1951, that the subject's name and address was to appear on a fund letter being circulated in the United States by the Civil Rights Congress requesting financial assistance for the defense of the seven subjects arrested in Honolulu by the Federal Bureau of Investigation on August 28, 1951, and charged with conspiracy to violate the Smith Act of 1940.

T-7 advised on April 21, 1952, that the subject attended the

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Sixth Annual Dinner sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress on March 27, 1952.

On July 15, 1952, T-10 advised that the subject gave a piano recital at a reception held by the Civil Rights Congress on June 25, 1952, at the Hotel Brevoort, New York City, to honor the sixteen defendants of the Smith Act trials being held in New York City.

On May 20, 1953, T. 8 advised that the Seventh Anniversary Party of the Civil Rights Congress was held on May 8, 1953, at the residence of HERBERT HAUFRECHT, L31 Riverside Drive, apartment 6-A, New York City, and that the subject was among those who attended.

T-10 advised on May 18, 1953, that the subject was among approximately fifty personswho attended a "private party" sponsored by the Civil Rights Congress in honor of its Seventh Anniversary. The informant advised that the party was held on May 8, 1952, at apartment 6-A, 431 Riverside Drive, New York City.

T-9 advised on June 4, 1953, that AUBREY TROSSMAN for the Civil Rights Congress had recently advised RAY LEV that a meeting of the Finance Committee was to be held Thursday evening, June 21st, at 8:30 PM in the library building occupied by the Civil Rights Congress at 23 West 26th Street, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue dated April 30, 1948, page 5, contained an article which reflected that the subject was a sponsor for the New York Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions for May Day.

The February 9, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 11, reflected the subject's name as a signer for the New York State Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions urging President TRUMAN to talk with STALIN.

T-4, previously identified, advised on March 15, 1954, that the subject was a sponsor of the Cultural and Scientific Conference for World Peace at New York City on March 25, 1949, through March 27, 1949, which was sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant further advised that the subject was a signer of the "Resolution Against Atomic Weapons" sponsored by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions.

On April 15, 1953, T-15 made available a piece of literature issued by the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions which stated in part that a concert would be sponsored by the Music Division of

the Arts Sciences and Professions on April 12, 1953, and that the subject would be one of the performing artists.

On January 20, 1954, T-16 advised that the subject had become a sponsor to a letter, "The Statement of Principles for the Defense of Democracy" which was circulated under the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions. The informant advised that among the stated objectives of this letter or petition are the following:

- "l. The reinstatement of teachers dismissedd because of actual or alleged membership in the Communist Party or any other political organization for refusal to answer questions about alleged membership.
- "2. Amnesty for those now in jail on charges of conspiring to teach and advocate their political views."

The National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" dated February 4, 1942, reflected that the subject was an entertainer for the International Workers Order.

T-17 advised on January 23, 1953, that the subject became a member of the International Workers Order, Lodge #525, in December, 1949, and as of July, 1951, was a current member.

T-3 advised on February 26, 1952, that the subject was a member of Lodge #525 of the International Workers Order and in good standing as of February, 1952.

The International Workers Order has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-4, previously identified, advised that the subject was the guest of honor at the "United Nations in America Dinner" held April 17, 1943, and sponsored by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

T-18 advised on January 12, 1953, that on May 20, 1947, the subject advised the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born that she agreed to sign an open letter to the Honorable UGO CARUSI, Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization Service, protesting the attempted denial of citizenship to CATHERINE JURENOVIC and BERTHA CEMERIC.

The "Daily Worker" issue of July 25, 1950, page 4, reflected that the subject signed a statement against the HOBBS Bill which was spon-

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sored by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

The informant advised on May 11, 1953, that in November, 1950, the subject was one of the sponsors of the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

The December 6, 1951, edition of the "Daily Worker", page 3, column 5, contained an article entitled "Thirty-Two Prominent Americans Hit Harisiades' Persecution". The article continued, "Thirty-two prominent Americans have signed an open letter to Attorney General J. HOWARD McCRATH protesting deportation proceedings against PETED HARISIADES, it was announced yesterday by the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born". Included among the signers was RAY LEV.

The April 29, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 6, column 4, in an article entitled "Sponsors of Committee to Protect Foreign Born" related that "entering its twenty-first year of service, the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born yesterday released its list of sponsors for 1953....." Listed among the sponsors was Miss RAY LEV, New York City.

The "Daily Worker" issue of April 4, 1951, page 8, and the April 29, 1953, issue, page 6, both reflected the subject as a sponsor for the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

T-18 on April 19, 1954, advised that in March, 1954, the subject made a \$3.00 supporting contribution to the American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born.

The American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

T-4, previously mentioned, advised on March 15, 1954, that on an unknown date prior to September 11, 1950, the subject was one of the sponsors of the World Peace Appeal.

Concerning the World Peace Appeal, the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. Cited as a petition campaign launched by the Permanent Committee of the World Peace Congress at its meeting in Stockholm, March 16-19, 1950; as having 'received the enthusiastic approval of every section of the international

"'Communist hierarchy'; as having been lauded in the Communist press, putting 'every individual Communist on notice that he "has the duty to rise to this appeal"!; and as having 'received the official endorsement of the Supreme Soviet of the U.S.S.R., which has been echoed by the governing bodies of every Communist satellite country, and by all Communist Parties throughout the world.'
(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, p. 34.)"

T-4 advised in March, 1954, that on an unknown date the subject was an endorser and/or stockholder of Peoples' Radio Foundation, Incorporated.

Peoples' Radio Foundation, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

B. Communist Party Fronts

The May 20, 1941, issue of "New Masses", page 27, reflected that the subject was an entertainer at a testimonial to ROCKWELL/WENT in New York City on May 17, 1941. The above testimonial was sponsored by the United American Artists.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning United American Artists:

- "1. Cited as a Communist front. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, page 129.)
- "2. 'Communists regard the infiltration, manipulation, and control of artistic and cultural media as one of the indispensable phases of their program of revolution. * * * Typical of Communist fronts in this classification' is the above.

 (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 52.)"

The "New York Times" issue dated December 22, 1943, page 40, reflects that the subject signed a declaration honoring GEORGI M. DIMITROV for the Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee.

The Reichstag Fire Trial Anniversary Committee was cited as a Communist front which was formed in December, 1943, by prominent Communists and Communist sympathizers to honor GEORGE DIMITROV, former head of the Communist International, by the Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pages 112 and 156.

T-4 advised on March 15, 1954, that in June, 1943, and January, 1944, the subject was a committee member or sponsor of the Citizens' Victory Committee for HARRY BRIDGES.

The Citizens' Victory Committee for HARRY BRIDGES has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The June 17, 1946, issue of the "Daily Worker" reflects that the subject signed a statement protesting the delay in breaking diplomatic relations with Franco Spain. The article further indicated that the above statement was sponsored by the Action Committee to Free Spain Now.

The Action Committee to Free Spain Now has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The November 13, 1947, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 2, reflected that the subject signed a statement urging a break with Franco.

The "Daily Worker" of January 15, 1948, page 15, reflected the subject was an entertainer at a benefit performance in New York City for the United Public Workers of America - Congress of Industrial Organizations.

The New York "World Telegram and Sun" February 17, 1950, issue contained an article reflecting that on February 17, 1950, the Congress of Industrial Organizations Executive Board expelled the United Public Workers of America from the Congress of Industrial Organizations upon the recommendation of the Congress of Industrial Organizations Trial Board, which had heard the Communist charges made against the union. The expulsion was to be effective on March 1, 1950.

The "New York Teacher's News" issue dated February 7, 1948, page 3, reflects that the subject was a guest of the Teachers' Union at Manhattan Center building dedication night February 20, 1948,

Concerning the Teachers Union of New York, in the report of the Rapp-Coudert Committee for the year 1942 the following comments are reflected regarding the Teachers Union in the City of New York, page 178: "The history of the Communist movement in the New York City school system is primarily the history of the so-called Teachers Union of the City of New York. After 1935 the Communists took over complete control of the union which was used solely as a vehicle for Party line propaganda and revolutionary agitation and until the membership of the American Federation of Teachers revoked the charters of Locals #5 and #37 in 1941 by referendum on the grounds that these locals were under the control of the Communist Party and had consistently engaged in practices inimical to democracy."

The Rapp-Coudert Committee was established by the New York Legislature to investigate Communism in the New York City public school system.

The "Daily Worker" on May 7, 1948, page 13, reflected that the subject was a signer of a letter defending an open to Soviet Writers, which was sponsored by "Masses and Mainstream".

Regarding "Masses and Mainstream" the following information appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activites, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

- "1. Cited as the successor to New Masses, 'a Communist magazine'. (Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 1953, on the Congress of American Women, April 26, 1950, (originally released October 23, 1949,) p. 75.)
- "2. 'Among typical examples of the Communist press and publications.'
 (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 49.)"

The "New York Times" issue of May 24, 1948, page 18, contained an article reflecting that the subject was a signer of a statement attacking the Mundt Bill and American foreign policy.

T-23 made available on March 6, 1953, a business letterhead of the Austro-American Council, 13 West 106th Street, New York City, dated May, 1948. The name RAY LEV appears on the letterhead under the heading "endorsers".

Concerning the Austro-American Council, the New York monthly publication "Austria", an anti-Communist German language periodical, in its issue of January, 1947, published an article entitled "Austro-American

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Communist work in America". It was stated in this article that the "Austro-American Tribune" is a Communist controlled newspaper and serves as a mouth-piece for the Austro-American Coucil, which latter organization is described as a Communist front group.

T-33, of unknown reliability, advised on February 7, 1947; that a careful and continuous examination of recent issues of the "Austro-American Tribune" had convinced him that this publication consistently follows the Communist Party line and the same is true regarding the Austro-American Council.

T-34, of unknown reliability, advised on June 25, 1947, that the "Austro-American Tribune" is Communist controlled.

The "Daily Worker" issue of November 8, 1948, page 3, reflected that the subject signed a petition on behalf of the twelve Communist leaders which was sponsored by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims.

Concerning the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims, on June 20, 1952, T-10 advised that a national conference to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims was held at St. Nicholas Arena in New York City on June 14, 1952, at which time a National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims was formed. The informant advised that the purpose of the organization was to promote amnesty for Communist Party leaders who had been indicted or convicted under the Smith Act and for all "Smith Act victims".

The "Daily Worker" issue of January 9, 1949, page 11, reflected that the subject was a performer at a benefit concert at Camp Wo-Chi-Ca.

Concerning Camp Wo-Chi-Ca, which is now known as Camp Wyandot, T-32 advised on January 23, 1945, that the camp is the official childrens camp for members of the Communist Political Association and the International Workers Order and is for children between the ages of six and sixteen.

T-28 advised on February 12, 1954, that RAY LEV was known to the informant from the latter part of 1945 until the Fall of 1948 as a Communist sympathizer. The informant could not furnish any additional information and advised he has not been incontact with the subject since 1948.

The "Daily Worker" of September 6, 1949, page 2, reflected that the subject participated in a PAUL ROBESON gathering which was sponsored by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims.

LOUIS BUDENZ, self-admitted former Communist Party member, advised that PAUL ROBESON was known to him as a concealed Communist prior to the year 1945.

The December 5, 1949, issue of the "Daily Worker" on page 2 contained an article which reflected that the subject was one of the sponsors of a testimonial to HARRY SACHER, which was sponsored by the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims.

T-35 advised on June 4, 1947, that he knew HARRY SACHER, attorney, to be a member of the Communist Party for many years.

The Young Communist League has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

.T-4 advised in March, 1954, that in August, 1949, the subject signed an open letter to Senators and Congressmen urging defeat of President TRUMAN's arms program. The above open letter was sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

In a statement attached to a press release of December 14, 1949, page 13, it is reflected that the subject signed a statement calling for international agreement to ban the use of atomic weapons. The statement was sponsored by the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact.

Regarding the Committee for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. Cited as an organization which was formed as a result of the Conference for Peaceful Alternatives to the Atlantic Pact, and which was located, according to a letterhead of September 16, 1950, at 30 North Dearborn Street, Chicago 2, Illinois,; and to further the cause of 'Communists in the United States' doing 'their part in the Moscow campaign.'

(Congressional Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report No. 378, on the Communist 'Peace' Offensive, April 25, 1951, original date, April 1, 1951, page 54.)"

T-2 advised on March 7, 1951, that Local #802 is a New York

local of the American Federation of Musicians and is located at 1267 Sixth Avenue, New York City. The informant further advised that the subject was a member of Local #802 and in the informant's opinion, a Communist sympathizer in that she is a member of a group within the local which has always supported the Communist Party line.

T-19 advised on September 28, 1951, that the subject attended a meeting of the Families of the Smith Act Victims on September 26, 1951, at Riverside Plaza, 253 West 73rd Street, New York City.

On October 1, 1951, T-10 furnished substantially the same information as furnished above by T-19.

The Families of the Smith Act Victims has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On March 15, 1954, T-4 advised that as of May, 1953, the subject was a sponsor of the National Committee to Win Amnesty for the Smith Act Victims.

T-20 advised on December 10, 1953, that in December, 1953, the subject was one of the sponsors of the National Committee to Win Amnesty for Smith Act Victims.

On October 22, 1951, Mrs. RUTH FISHER, Bookkeeper, Tass News Agency, 50 Rockefeller Plaza, New York City, made available a list of "very important people" maintained by Tass and the subject's name was included among those on the list.

The Tass News Agency, pursuant to the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 as Amended, filed a supplemental statement with the Department of Justice dated August 13, 1943. The statement reflects that Tass was established by decree of the Central Executive Committee and Council of the Peoples Commissrs dated January 15, 1935, at Moscow.

The October 25, 1951, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, column 3, in an article entitled "CARNOVSKY to be Host at Art Exhibit" reflected that MORRIS CARNOVSKY would be host at a two day art exhibit at 939 Eighth Avenue, New York City, the coming Saturday and Sunday. "The exhibit, sponsored by ROCKWELL KENT and DOROTHY PARKER, will be for the benefit of the Voice of Freedom Committee of which Mrs. PARKER is Chairman." The subject was listed among those assisting CARNOVSKY as a host.

Concerning "Voice of Freedom", the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. Among publications which the Committee found 'to be Communist initiated and controlled, or so strongly influenced as to be in the Stalin solar system."

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 225.)"

T-21 advised on October 30, 1951, that in the latter part of the summer of 1951 the subject made a \$3.00 contribution to the China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated.

The China Welfare Appeal, Incorporated, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "Daily Worker" issue of August 23, 1951, page 1, reflected that the subject was a member of a Committee for Freedom of the Press and as such pledged her aid for continued existance of the "Daily Worker".

On March 21, 1952, T-6 advised that on August 16, 1951, the subject advised a Mr. EROWN (not further identified) that she would be happy to join in the statement sent her by a Committee for Freedom of the Press protesting the government's efforts to hamper publication of the "Daily Worker".

The National Committee for Freedom of the Press has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On June 23, 1952, T-18 advised that the subject made reservations to attend the W. E. B. DU BOIS testimonial dinner at the Essex House Hotel, New York City, on February 23, 1951.

LOUIS BUDENZ, a self-admitted former Communist Party member, advised he knew Dr. W. E. B. DU BOIS to be a member of the Communist Party as of 1945.

T-6 advised on July 1, 1952, that the subject was one of the sponsors of the "Committee for the Negro in the Arts", 77 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Concerning the Committee for the Negro in the Arts, T-26 advised that the committee is an outgrowth of the Cultural Committee of the National Negro Congress. It is a Negro Communist Party front organized by the Party to infiltrate and propagandize alleged acts of racial discrimination in the arts profession.

The National Negro Congress has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On October 13, 1952, T-18 advised that the subject advised FREDERICK VAFIELD on March 27, 1946, that she would like to be a sponsor of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence. The informant further advised that in February, 1946, the subject advised FIELD she would join him in sending a letter to President TRUMAN concerning Indonesian independence.

The informant advised on October 13, 1952, that the subject had indicated to Dr. DIRK JASTRUIK, American Committee for Indonesian Independence, in July, 1946, that she would join him in sending greetings to the Indonesian Republic. T-18 further advised that in June, 1947, the subject advised Dr. STRUIK and WILLIAM JASCHIEFFELIN, both of the American Committee for Indonesian Independence, that she would like to join them in sending greetings to the Indonesian Republic on its second anniversary.

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The informant further advised on October 13, 1952, that the subject had advised the Action Conference on Indonesia, 144 Bleeker Street, New York City, in November, 1947, that she would like to be one of the sponsors of the Action Conference on Indonesia.

Concerning the American Committee for Indonesian Independence, the following information appears in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

"1. 'This front was organized to create support for the Indonesian revolution. The national headquarters is at 23 West Twenty-sixth Street in New York City. * * * Stemming from this red front are several subsidiary committees, such as the American Committee for a Free Indonesia, Los Angeles, and the American Committee for a Free Indonesia, San Francisco.'

(California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 113.)"

T-18 advised on October 20, 1952, that in October, 1952, the subject was one of the sponsors of the Independent Citizens Committee for the Election of HCWARD/FAST, 23rd Congressional District, Bronx, New York.

On January 7, 1949, T-29 advised that HOWARD FAST is a member of the Communist Party.

The "National Guardian" issue of November 6, 1952, contained an article on page 8 entitled "Theatre Rally November 19th". The article reflected that the subject was one of the sponsors of a rally to secure

clemency in the ROSENBERG Case to be held November 19, 1952, at Palm Garden, New York City.

Concerning the "National Guardian", the 1949 report of the California Committee on Un-American Activities cited the "National Guardian" as a publication launched in New York in 1941 aiming at national circulation, which they found to be from its inception notoriously Stalinist in its staff, writers, management and content.

JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG were executed on June 19, 1953, at Sing Sing Prison following their conviction in the Southern District of New York for conspiracy to commit espionage against the United States.

The November 11, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article which reflected that the subject was among the sponsors of a rally to obtain clemency for the ROSENBERGS on November 19, 1952, at Palm Gardens, New York City.

The November 13, 1952, edition of the "National Guardian" on page 8, contains an article entitled "Don't Let Them Die" and lists RAY LEV as one of the sponsors of a theatre rally to "secure clemency for the ROSENBERGS".

The January 21, 1953, edition of the "Daily Worker", page 7, in an article entitled "U.S. Writers, Artists Urge Clemency" the subject was among others who urged clemency for ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG.

T-4 advised on March 15, 1954, that as of November 10, 1952, the subject was a sponsor of a rally scheduled for November 19, 1952, at Palm Garden, New York City, to secure clemency for the ROSENBERGS.

The January 14, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 7, reflected that the subject protested the death penalty for the ROSENBERGS.

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The April 16, 1953, issue of the "Daily Worker," page 3, reflected that the subject was one of the speakers at the Tenth Anniversary Rally of the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising.

The informant advised that over 4,500 people attended the above meeting and that the subject was one of the guest speakers. The main speaker was JOSEPH WINIEWICZ, Polish Ambassador to the United States.

The August 4, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker" contained an article captioned "Rally September 8th to Mark Rumania! Anniversary". The article reflected that RAY LEV, pianist, and others, would perform in the concert portion of a program to be held at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, New York City.

On January 15, 1954, T-24 made available the brochure of the program "An Evening of American and Rumanian Music" to be presented by Peoples Artists on January 23, 1954, at the Pythian, New York City. RAY LEV was listed among the entertainers on the above described brochure.

The January 13, 1954, issue of the "Daily Worker", page 8, contains substantially the same information as set forth above.

The California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 392, cited Peoples Artists as a Communist front.

On February 8, 1954, T-25 made available a leaflet entitled "Call and Program" of the New York Conference to Repeal the Walter-Mc Carran Law and Defend Its Victims. A letter accompanied the leaflet and reflected the subject's name as a sponsor of the conference which was to be held February 27, 1954, at the Yugoslav-American Hall, New York City.

On February 3, 1954, T-26 advised substantially the same information as set forth by T-25 above.

On January 21, 1954, T-27 advised that the subject's name appears as a sponsor in a pamphlet entitled "New York Conference to Repeal the Walter-McCarran Law and Defend Its Victims".

T-4 advised on March 15, 1954, that as of September, 1947, the subject was a member of the Advisory Council of Soviet Russia Today.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, contains the following concerning "Soviet Russia Today":

> "Among the 'more important' Communist-front organizations 'for the sole purpose of carrying on propaganda on behalf of the Soviet Union.' (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1948, page 169.)"

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T-18 advised on July 19, 1954, that the subject made reservations for herself and a guest to attend a peace and friendship dinner in honor of Dr. HARRY F. WARD to be held April 30, 1953, at the Hotel McAlpine, New York City, and sponsored by the New World Review Dinner Committee.

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951, reflects that the name of the publication "Soviet Russia Today" was changed to "New World Review" in March, 1951.

T-4 advised in March, 1954, that a booklet of an unknown date on page 8, in an article captioned "These Americans Say" reflects that the subject advocated lifting the Spanish Embargo on behalf of the Co-ordinating Committee to Lift the Embargo.

Concerning the Co-ordinating Committee to Lift the Spanish Embargo, the following appears in a booklet entitled "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, May 14, 1951:

- "lo Cited as one of a number of front organizations, set up during the Spanish Civil War by the Communist Party in the United States and through which the party carried on a great deal of agitation. (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, March 29, 1944, pages 137 and 138.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front.
 (California Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 1947, page 210,)"

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	T-1 OLEN SMITH, 362 Parker St., Newark, N. J.	Attended NCASF luncheon 2/3/52	2/4/52	WILLIAM B. MEYER .	100-7518-1A 1703
8	T-2 SAM TABAK 620 W. 171st Street	Member of Local 802 and CP sympathizer	3/7/51	ALBERT J. KLEIN	100-50870- 527-9
	т_3	Attended meeting of Americans for World Peace	10/18/50	JOSEPH A. CULLEN	100-98640-1B 23
	*	IWO membership, February, 1952	2/26/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE, SE A. E. FALLER	100-2936-1A 619-12
	T-4 LEE PENNINGTON, Direction, Nat'l. American-	Sponsor, National Conference, Chicago, CRC	3/15/54	SAC, NY, from Bureau	100-90589-76
	ism Commission	Sponsor, cultural and scientific conference for world peace, 3/49	3/15/54	SAC, N.Y. from Bureau	100-90589-76
		Signed resolution against atomic weapon NCASP, 7/50	n n	n n	n n
		Attended dinner sponsored by American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born 4/17/43	=	п , п	11 11
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T-4 (Cont'd)	Endorser or stock- holder, Peoples Radio Foundation, Inc	3/15/54 ••	SAC, N. Y. from Bureau	100-90589-76
· 0.	Committee member or sponsor, Citizens Victory Committee for HARRY BRIDGES, 1943-1944	H H	H H	tt ti
	Subject urged defeat of Pres. TRUMAN's arms program through Conference on Peacef Alternatives to Atla Pact, 8/49	ul .	m n	
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ob. st	Member, Advisory Council, "Soviet Russia Today", 9/47	u u	н и	n n
2	Advocated lifting Spanish embargo	n n	H II	n n
T-5	Subject sponsor of NY Peace Institute 4/19/52	6/5/52	SA DONALD P. ADAMS	100-1101-5712
T-6	Sponsor, NY Peace Institute, 4/52 DIA(b)(7) - (D)	5/26/52	SA JAMES E. GIBLER, SE A. E. FALLER	100-110157 1 6

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T-6 (Cont'd)	Endorsed protest to Government to hamper publication of "Daily Worker"	3/21/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE, SE A. E. FALLER	100-90589-37
٠	Sponsor, Committee for the Negro in the Arts	7/1/52	SA DAMON W. PITCHER, SE S. W. JENNINGS	100-95865-87
T-7 Lt. THOMAS CRANE, BSSI,	Attended ALP Dinner, 6/4/51	11/6/51	SA AUGUST J. MICEK	100-8522-1A 310
NYCPD	Attended CRC 6th annual dinner, 3/27/5	4/21/52 2	SA AUGUST J. MICEK	100-80675- 3693, p.6
т-8	Attended fund rais- ing meeting American Peace Crusade, 11/9/5	11/9/52 2	SA DONALD P. ADAMS	
*	Attended 7th ami- versary CRC party, 5/8/53	5/20/53	SA DONALD P. ADAMS	100-80675-3396- p. 1, 2
T-9	Meeting of Finance Committee, CRC, 6/21/53	6/4/53	SA DONALD P. ADAMS, SE P. G. MITCHELL	100-80675-B- 69
<u>T⊶10</u>	Attended CRC pri- vate party, 5/8/53	5/18/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	
	Piano recital, CRC reception, 6/25/52	7/15/52	*/	
30	CRC meeting, 6/21/51	6/24/51	11/11/1/	67-2557
	Meeting of Families of Smith Act Victims, 9/51	10/1/51	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	100-106912
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T-10 (Cont'd)	Speaker, 10th Anniversary of War- saw Chetto, L/19/53	5/4/53	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	
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T-11	Did not Use			•
T-12	CRC Mailing list	9/51	SA WADE E. KNAPP	NY 100-80675- 3113A, p. 7
T-13 Detectives WALTER UPSHEAR and JOSEPH OWSIANIK, BSSI, NYCPD	Dinner reserva- tion for Defense Committee for W. L. PATTERSON	7/10/51 FOI	SA DONALD P. ADAMS IA(b)(7) - (D)	100-80675- 3201, p.2
T-14	Contribution to CRC for Martins- ville Seven	2/4/51	SA DONALD P. ADAMS	100-80675- 2627, p. 2
T-15 CHARLES R. SILCOCK, 21-37 33rd St., Long Island City, NY	Participated in ASP sponsored concert, 4/12/53	4/15/53	SA WILFRED R. SCHLARRMAN	100-93553-113- 369-377
т-16	Sponsor, letter "Statement of Principles for De- fense of Democracy"	1/20/54	SA ROBERT A. GILLICK	
T-17	IWO membership 1951	1/23/53	SA DAMON W. PITCHER	100-2936-1A 619-13

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	T-18	Contribution, American Committee for Protection of the Foreign Born, 3/54	կ/19/5կ	SA MAICOLM J. BARRET, SE K. F. BUCKLEY	100-90589-78
	, ,	Subject sponsor, American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 11/50	5/11/53	SA EVERETT K. DEANE, SE V. H. MC PEAK	100-3620 -A- 25
		Letter protesting deportation of JURENOVIC and CEMERIC	1/12/53	SA JAMES E. GIBLER, SE P. G. MITCHELL	100-95089-46
FOIA	A(b)(7) - (D)	Subject's signature on correspondence to Attorney General pro testing trial of 12,		SA EVERETT K. DEANE, SE A. E. FALLER	100-90589-40
	a a	du BOIS testimonial dinner, 2/23/51	6/23/52	SA JAMES E. GIBLER, SE S. W. JENNINGS	100-0-79540
		Sponsor, American Committee for Indo- nesian Independence 3/46	10/13/52	SA JAMES E. GIBLER, SE A. W. CONROY	100-90589-54
		Letter to TRUMAN re Indonesian indepen- dence, 2/46	u	я п	n .
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	æ	T-18 (Cont'd)	Sponsor, Action Conference on Indonesia, 11/47	10/13/52	SA JAMES E. GIBLER, SE A. W. CONROY	100-90589-54
ŝ		2	Sponsor, Independent Citizens Committee for Election of HOWARD FAST, 10/5	10/20/52	SA EVERETT K. DEANE; H. F. DOHERTY, SE	100-61206- 892
	FOIA	(b)(7) - (D)	Attended dinner sponsored by "New World Review", 4/53	7/19/54	SA MALCOLM J. BARRETT, SE K. F. BUCKLEY	100-90589
		T- 19	Meeting of Families of Smith Act Victims, 9/26/51	9/28/51	SA JOHN W. DOOLEY	100-106912
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	I	T-20 WARD McCABE, JR., Panel Source	Sponsor, Nat'l. Com- mittee to Win Amnest for Smith Act Victim	У	SA RAPHAEL J. WIK, JR.	100-110312-216
		T-21 ARTHUR BROWN, Mgr., Chase Nat'l. Bank, 26th & Madison, NYC	Contribution to China Welfare Appeal, Inc. 1951	10/30/51	SA JOHN KLEINKAUF	100-94513 - 1B
€ 100 mm m		т-22		12/11/52	SAS WILLIAM P. SPRINGSTON, PHILIP J. FLEMING	100-91503-1B 54
•		T-23 WILLIAM J. BEER, 470 Flush ing Ave., Brooklyn	Furnished letter- head, Austro- - American Council	3/6/53	SA HERBERT D. CLOUGH, JR.	65-15162- 1B 151
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T-24 Confidential Mail Box	Brochure of "Even- ing of American and Roumanian Music", 1/23/54	1/15/54	SA JOHN T. MURPHY	100-81674
T-25	Sponsor, NY Conference to Repeal Mc Carran Law and Defendits Victims, 2/27/54	2/8/54	SA ANTHONY E. CONSTANTINO	100-3620-1 A 10114
т-26	Sponsor, NY Conference to Repeal Mc	2/3/54	SA RICHARD H. BLASSER	
s "	Carran Law and De- fend its Victims, 2/27/54		FOIA(b)(7) - (D)
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T-27	Sponsor, NY Conference to Repeal Walte McCarran Law & Defenits Victims	r- ///	SA MATHIAS F. ERIEG	100-117556
T-28 JO ANNE T. LINGO, aka JUDITH TROY	CP sympathizer	2/12/54	SA ROBERT L. HALCOMBE	100-90589-74
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T-30	Used to document N.Y	. Peace Ins	titute	ar ar
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т-34	Used to document Austro-American Council
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• C?	FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION Wr. Harbo Mr. Mohr Mr. Parsons Mr. Parsons Mr. Rosen Mr. Rosen Mr. Tamm
	11/16/54, NY, NY Transmit the following teletype message to: BUREAU Mr. Siz :0 Mr. W nterrowd. Tele. Room Mr. Holleman Miss Gandy
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	REFLECTS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL RESIDING AT APARTMENT
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Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 12/23/54

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SAC, New York (105-10368)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka: Mrs. George P. Edgar,

was: Rachel Lev, Rachel Low,

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Reference is made to my airtel 11/16/54, captioned Unsub, Apartment 11A, 490 West End Avenue, New York 24, New York;

Mr. EDWARD E. FRIEDLANDER, Manager apartment building, 490 West End Avenue, New York, NY, advised on 12/20/54, that apartment 11A at that address is occupied by GEORGE PAEDGAR and wife.

NY files reflect that RAY LEV resides at the above address and is a Security Index subject of the NY Division, and is married to GEORGE P. EDGAR. Subject is a Concert Pianist and considerable information concérning her is contained in NY file 100-90589.

Inasmuch as the subject is anSI subject of this division no

further investigation concerning

will be conducted and this. case will be consolidated into the main file on the subject NY file 100-90589.

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Date:

January 11, 1955

Tos

Mr. Dennis A. Flinn (Original and one)
Director
Office of Security
Department of State
515 22nd Street, N. W.

Washington, D. C.

Froms

John Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject: RAY LEV

SECURITY MATTER - C

An informant of known reliability advised on December 31, 1954, that the Frederyk Chopin International Congress Secretariat of Warsaw would deliver certain tickets to Ray Lev in time for her trip to Poland provided she furnished the exact time of her departure, the means of communication at her disposal, and her residence. It is to be noted that the Frederyk Chopin International Competition is to be held in Warsaw during the early part of 1955.

There is attached one copy each of the following reports regarding the subject:

Report of Special Agent Thomas J. Hurley (A) dated May 31, 1951, at New York.

Report of Special Agent John V. Jackolski dated July 17, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

Report of Special Agent Thomas J. Hurley, Jr. dated August 9, 1951, at New York.

cc - 1 - Assistant Attorney General (by routing slip 0-6 William F. Tompkins same date)

DWK: jaa

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Report of Special Agent Robert J. Wilkison dated December 28, 1953, at New York.

Report of Special Agent John S. Weaver dated August 16, 1954, at New York.

These data are furnished for your confidential information since it appears that the subject, who has been affiliated with numerous Communist Party fronts and is a well-known concert pianist, may request issuance of a passport. This information was obtained in confidence and should not be disseminated outside your Department.

Attachment (5)

NOTE:

Reports were furnished the Records Administration Branch of the Department on August 25, 1954.

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12/31/54

DIRECTOR (100-370898) AND SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (RM)RAY LEV, SM - C. A HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE, OF KNOWN

RELIABILITY, WHOSE IDENTITY CANNOT BE DISCLOSED, ADVISED

COMMUNICATION FROM THE FREDERYK CHOPIN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS

SECRETARIAT OF WARSAW, WHICH APPEARED TO BE A COPY OF

CORRESPONDENCE TO PROFESSOR RAY LEV. ACCORDING TO THIS

SOURCE, THE CHOPIN SECRETARIAT INDICATED CERTAIN TICKETS

WOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE SUBJECT IN TIME FOR HER TRIP TO

POLAND PROVIDED SHE FURNISHED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE THE EXACT

TIME OF HER DEPARTURE, THE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AT HER

SERVICE AND THE EXACT ADDRESS OF HER RESIDENCE AT THE TIME

OF HER DEPARTURE. THE ABOVE INFO, IF USED IN A REPORT, MUST

BE CAREFULLY PARAPHRASED AS NOT TO REVEAL THIS SENSITIVE

SOURCE. IT IS BELIEVED THE ABOVE MAY REFER TO THE POSSIBILITY

OF RAY LEV, WELL KNOWN CONCERT PIANIST, ATTENDING A CHOPIN

COMPETITION HELD ANNUALLY IN POLAND. THE ABOVE IS FOR INFO

AND PER SAC LET 54-55 (M), IT IS SUGGESTED THAT THE BUREAU

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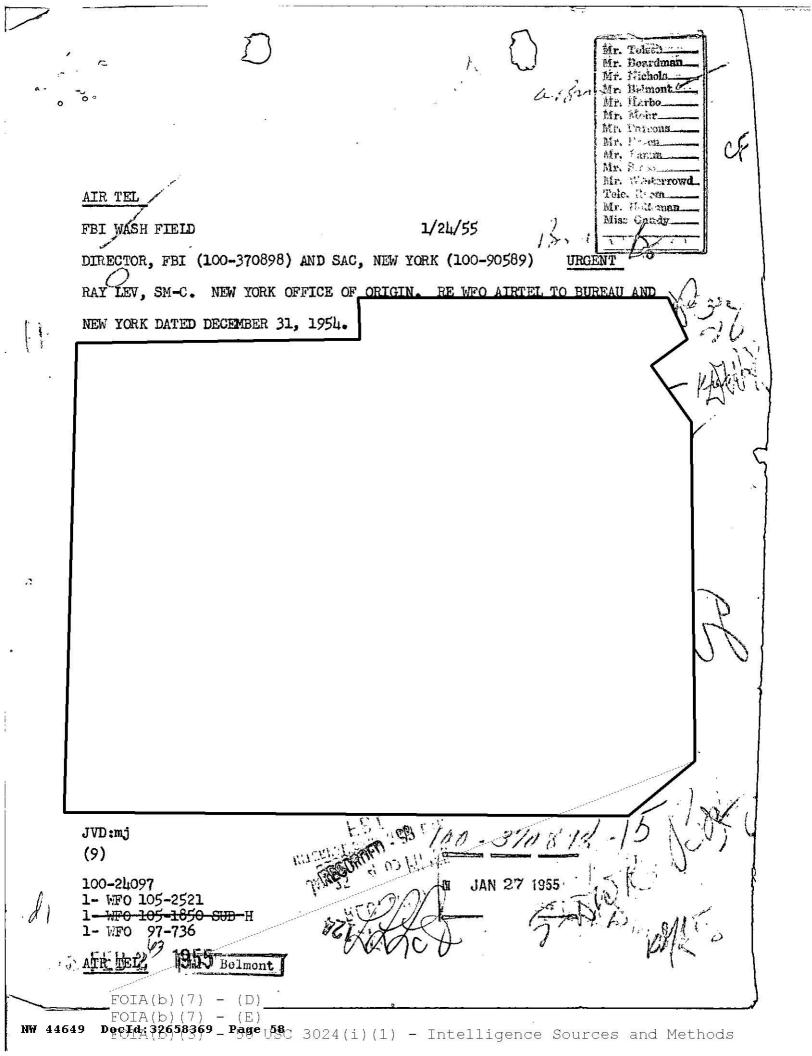
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MAY DESIRE TO FURNISH ABOVE DATA TO STATE DEPT. IN VIEW OF INFO SET FORTH IN REPORT OF SA THOMAS J. HURLEY (A) DATED 5/31/51 INDICATING SUBJECT, ACCORDING TO INFORMANT, WAS AN ADHERENT OF CP, AND THAT SUBJECT HAS BEEN AFFILIATED WITH NUMEROUS CP FRONTS. WFO WILL CHECK FILES OF PASSPORT OFFICE, STATE DEPT., AND ADVISE RE RESULTS OF SAME.

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washington, D. C. FEB 9 1955 1/3,25/55	W. MARVIN CHEESLING MPW
RAY LEV, aka Mrs. George P. Edgar	SECURITY MATTER - C
SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:	1/WS-1

Subject's Passport #262596, was renewed on 4/29/52 to expire 4/28/54. Records Passport Office, State Department, indicate no travel abroad performed by subject during that period. Subject was issued Passport #334109 on 4/15/54 for a proposed 5 months visit to France, England and Holland for purpose of pleasure and business in connection with 1955 concert tour. On 11/9/54 the State Dept. requested its representative in New York City to endeavor to take up subject's passport. LEV reportedly invited to attend Fifth Chopin International Concert to be held Warsaw 2/22/55.

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DETAILS: AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

The title of this case is marked changed to reflect subject's married name, as Mrs. GEORGE P. FEDGAR.

Investigation in this report was predicated upon receipt of information on December 31, 1954 from T-1, of known reliability, that the FREDERYK CHOPIN International Congress Secretariat of Warsaw, Poland, would deliver certain tickets to RAY LEV in time for her trip to Poland, provided she furnished the exact time of her departure, the means of communication at her disposal and her residence address.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that subject was issued Passport #262596 on May 3, 1950, which was renewed on April 29, 1952, to expire April 28, 1954. In subject's passport renewal

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application, dated April 29, 1952, she furnished her date of birth as May 8, 1910 in Russia and stated that since the issuance of Passport #262596 to her, she had performed the following travel:

Paris, France from June 7, 1950 to June 30, 1950; Israel (via Luxembourg) July 1, 1950 to September 3, 1950; England (via France), September 4, 1950 to early October 1950; Holland from early October 1950 to October 9, 1950.

She stated that the purposes of her visits to the above mentioned countries were as follows:

"France-recordings for concert Hall Society and for French Radio. Israel-concerts through towns-settlements-Soloist. Israel and Jerusalem, Philharmonic and broadcasts. England-London recital-visits-friends - Holland-concerts in Hague and Amsterdam."

In her application for passport renewal, she indicated that she would depart from the port of New York on May 20, 1952 for a proposed stay abroad of about seven months, where she would visit England, France, Holland and possibly Italy. She indicated that the purposes of this trip were, (1) vacation-England-visit with friends and relatives and negotiate with WILFORD VAN WYCK, c/o Wigmore Hall, Wigmore Street (manager) for London Recital; (2) France-attend Prades Music Festival-Paris-Music Festival; (3) Holland-negotiate with manager, Mr. BEEK-Nederland Concert Directie the Hague for Hague and Amsterdam concerts; (4) Possibly attend Florence, Italy Music Festival in Italy. Her address at the time she filed this passport renewal application was indicated as 140 W. 69th Street, New York City. The files of the Passport Office, Department of State, contain the notation that subject did not travel abroad after she obtained renewal of her passport on April 29, 1952.

The Passport Office files further reflect that subject was issued Passport #334109 on April 15, 1954 upon her application for Passport dated March 31, 1954 at New York City. In this application LEV stated she was born May 8, 1910 at Rostov-on-Don, Russia, and that she immigrated to the United States in May 1913 and that her permanent residence was 490 West End Avenue, New York City. She stated that her father, Reverend MOSES LEV, deceased, also born in Russia, was naturalized in April 1930 in United States District Court, Eastern District of Brooklyn, New York City. This application also revealed that her mother, DEBORATE V, born Novo Ngvikrainka, Russia, resided at 58 W. 71st Street, New York City, and was naturalized a United States citizen in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Brooklyn.

This file further reflected that Passport #262596, issued May 3, 1950, was seen and cancelled by Passport authorities. In her application for Passport, LEV stated that since her naturalization, she had traveled to England from 1930 to 1932, to Germany from 1932 to January 1933,

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and to England from January 1933 to the summer of 1933.

Her application also contained the information that she was married September 13, 1952 to GEORGE P. EDGAR, who was born at Georgia, Russia in 1923. She said that he is an American citizen and resides at 490 West End Avenue, New York City, having immigrated to the United States in 1925. She furnished his father's name as PAUL G EDGAR, who was naturalized a United States citizen before the United States District Court, Southern District of New York, New York City, on April 1, 1932.

In this application for Passport, LEV stated that she planned to depart from New York City on May 5, 1954 via ILe de France for a proposed five months visit to France, England and Holland for pleasure and to negotiate 10. a London, and with J BEEK-Koning Innegration, London, London, London, and with J BEEK-Koning Innegration, London, London negotiate for a 1955 your with Managers WILFRED VALLWYCK, Wigmore Street, London, and with JABEEK-Koning Innegracht, Hague. The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that Passport #331,109 was not that on October 20, 1954, Mr. VALDIMAR N. L. JOHNSON, Second Secretary of the American Embassy, Warsaw, Poland, advised the Department of State by dispatch that the Polish Press had announced that two American musicians, one of whom was indicated as (Miss) RAY LEV, had been chosen to assist in the adjudication of the Fifth Chopin International Contest to be held in Warsaw on February 22, 1955 in commemoration of the 145th anniversary of the composer's birth. This communication set forth that the Polish Press announcements implied that acceptance had been received from Miss LEV, as well as from twenty-one other judges invited from the Soviet Union, Italy, Bulgaria, England, France, Austria, China, Czechoslovakia, Belgium, East Germany, Brazil, Hungary, Rumania and Poland, and indicated that replies were expected from invited judges who are citizens of Mexico, West Germany and other unnamed countries.

Mr. JOHNSON'S dispatch further informed the Department of State that current publicity concerning the Fifth Chopin International Contest does not contain political overtones and he stated that it is quite possible that the competition per se will be a purely artistic affair. He continued, however, that the Polish Regime may be expected to avail itself of every opportunity to exploit for propaganda purposes the prominent judges who may be present.

The records of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflect that on November 9, 1954, the State Department requested its representative in New York City to endeavor to take up subject's passport.

These files also contain a letter from subject which furnished her address as Apartment 11-A, 490 West End Avenue, New York 24, New York, dated January 14, 1955, addressed to Mrs. RUTH CHIPLEY, Department-of-State, Passport-Office, Washington, D. C. In this letter, LEV stated that she

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hoped to be leaving shortly for a European concert tour "to my familiar European theatres, Iondon, Paris, Amsterdam and Brussels." She further advised that she had enlarged her plans to include "certain important musical events taking place in some of the less familiar theatres of Europe." LEV further advised that she would be in Washington, D. C. for a professional engagement on the night of February 9, 1955 and she expressed the hope that it would be possible for her to have an appointment at the Department of State, for sometime on February 9 or 10, 1955.

T-2 advised

It is to be noted that on February 8, 1952, T-3 advised that subject was scheduled to perform as a concert planist at the Polish Embassy, Washington, D. C., on the evening of February 8, 1952.

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For the information of the Bureau and the New York Office, the action in taking up the passport of the subject by the Department of State, was based upon information furnished by the Bureau and the dispatch from the American Embassy, Warsaw, Poland.

In reviewing records of the Passport Office, Department of State, concerning the subject, it was noted that one ABRAM CHASINS, American musician, not further identified, had also been chosen to assist in the adjudication of the Fifth Chopin International Concert to be held February 22, 1955 at Warsaw, Poland. Inasmuch as those records and a subsequent review of WFO files, failed to reveal any association between subject and CHASINS, a separate file has been opened concerning ABRAM CHASINS.

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INFORMANTS

T-1 - Anonymous

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T-3 - Trash Cover on residence of RAY FINKSON, 316
Peabody Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

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WASHINGTON FIELD OFFICE

At Washington, D. C.

2. Will recheck files, Passport Office, State Department, inasmuch as it is noted subject requested an appointment with Passport officials for February 9 or 10, 1955.

REFERENCES

Report of SA JOHN D. JACKOLSKI, dated July 17, 1951, at Washington, D. C.

WFO Airtels to Director and New York, dated December 31, 1954 and January 24, 1955.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

2/15/55 DATE:

STANDARD FORM NO. 64

SAC, WFO (100-24097)

SUBJECT:

LEV, aka Mrs. George P. Edgar SECURITY MATTER - C (00: New York)

Rerep of SA W. MARVIN GHEESLING dated 2/9/55 at Washington, D. C., which set forth that the subject had requested an appointment at the Department of State for either 2/9/55 or 2/10/55.

On 2/11/55, Mr. ASHLEY Jonicholas, Assistant Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that on 2/10/55 the subject presented herself at his office for the purpose of discussing LEV's request for validation of her passport to enable her to travel to Poland to participate in the Fifth Chopin International Concert scheduled to begin in Warsaw on 2/20/55. NICHOLAS stated that he requested the subject to surrender her passport to the Department of State pending a determination as to whether her case falls within the purview of Section 51.135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations (this relates to the limitations on issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist movement). NICHOLAS stated that the subject advised that she did not have her passport in her possession at that time. NICHOLAS stated that he then advised the subject that if she would not surrender her passport, the Department of State could inform the Immigration and Naturalization Service and the various transportation companies that her passport is no longer valid. According to NICHOLAS, the subject replied that she would first have to see her attorney.

NICHOLAS continued that during this interview he also questioned LEV whether she is now or ever has been a member of the Communist Party, to which LEV replied that she would not answer that question except in a legal proceeding. NICHOLAS advised SA HASER that he then showed the subject passport regulations which authorize passport

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authorities to request a sworn affidavit to this effect and LEV commented that she would have to consult her attorney before answering any questions along that line. NICHOLAS advised that he then informed LEV that he would advise her on 2/11/55 whether her case could be processed in time for her proposed travel to Poland.

Attorney, SARAM AMERLING, 521 5th Avenue, New York City, contacted him at which time he furnished him the same information as previously furnished to the subject and also advised that the State Department would not be able to give sufficient consideration to the subject's request in time for her planned travel to Poland. He said that he also advised AMERLING that consideration was being given LEV's request with a view toward deciding whether LEV's passport would be revoked. AMERLING, according to NICHOLAS, requested a summary report of the allegations against the subject and NICHOLAS stated that passport authorities planned to furnish him a letter setting forth this information in the immediate future.

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AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Will maintain contact with the Passport Office, Department of State, to determine the disposition of this matter.

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: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: March 8, 1955

: SAC, WFO (100-24097)

UBJECT: RAY LEV, aka

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Mrs. George P. Edgar

SECURITY MATTER - C (Office of Origin: NEW YORK)

Re Washington Field Office letter dated February 15, 1955.

On March 7, 1955, Special Agent KENNETH J. HASER ascertained that the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflected that on February 28, 1955, the Department of State directed a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., requesting that the subject's passport be taken up if she attempts to

depart from the United States | SI | SECONDARY Passport Office to determine the final disposition of this matter.

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TO / PARECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: April 18, 1955

FROM (100-24097)

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SUBJECT: RAY LEV
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On 3/2/55.

advised SA PETER J. MURPHY, JR., that the Hungarian Legation in Washington, D. C., had ordered 500 invitations for a reception to be held at the Hungarian Legation on 4/4/55, and 400 invitations for a reception to be held at the Legation on 4/2/55, both in "celebration of the tenth anniversary of the liberation of Hungary by the Soviet Army."

on 3/15/55。

advised SA JAMES L. STARTZELL that catering service had been requested at the Hungarian Legation on the evening of 4/2/55, for approximately 200 individuals who were described as being from the "Hungarian colony." Catering service was also requested on the evening of 4/4/55, for approximatly 300 individuals described as diplomatic personnel.

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The indices of the WFO reflect that the subject is or has been the subject of an investigation in the New York Division.

The above is furnished for information and any action deemed advisable. Any further indication that the subject actually attended the reception will be promptly furnished the Bureau and interested offices. RUC

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On April 1. 195h. confidential informant T-2,

Confidential informant T-3,

Confidential informant T-10,

Confidential informant T-4,

On March 1, 1955, T-11, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on February 9, 1955, the Czechoslovakian Embassy, Washington, D. C., made two checks payable to RAY LEV, one in the amount of \$55 and the other in the amount of \$500. According to this informant, these checks were subsequently endorsed by the payee, "RAY LEV EDGAR," and cleared through the National City Bank of New York.

The information from T=11 was obtained on a strictly confidential basis and is not to be made public except in the usual proceeding following the issuance of a subpoena duces tecum.

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Confidential informant T-7,

Confidential informant T-8, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on February 11, 1955, that subject visited the Passport Office, Department of State, on February 10, 1955, for the purpose of discussing her request for validation of her passport to enable her to travel to Poland to participate in the Fifth Chopin International Concert scheduled to begin at Warsaw on February 20, 1955. According to this informant, subject was requested to surrender her passport to the Department of State pending determination as to Whether her case falls within the purview of Section 51.135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations. This section, according to T-8, relates to the limitations on issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist Movement. According to T-8, subject stated that she did not have her passport in her possession at that time. T-8 further advised that during LEV's visit to the State Department, she was questioned as to whether she was then or had ever been a member of the Communist Party to which subject replied that she would not answer that question except in a legal proceeding. T-8 also advised that on February 11, 1955, the subject's attorney, SARAM AMERLING, 521 Fifth Avenue, New York City, was informed by the Passport Office, Department of State, that the State Department would not be able to give sufficient consideration to the subject's request for passport validation in time for her planned trip to Poland.

The Communist Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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On March 7, 1955, Special Agent KENNETH J. HASER ascertained that the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflected that on February 28, 1955, the State Department directed a letter to the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Washington, D. C., requesting that the subject's passport be taken up if she attempts to depart from the United States.

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T-5		2/10/55	ROBERT J. MC DONALD	105-5527-Sub C
T-6		2/10/55	HAROLD B. DANE, THOMA H. ALT, JOH A. GRAY, JR	N
T-8 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS, Assista Director, Passpor Office, Dpt State requested identit	t _	2/11/55	KENNETH J. HASER	Instant file
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 T-11 DONALD C. JONES, Treas., Union Trust Co., 15th and H Sts, NW, Washington, DC	Re 2 checks made payable by Czech Embassy to subj on 2/9/55.	3/1/55	WARREN L. LOVE	100-20218

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T Symbols were utilized in the report only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

REFERENCE: Report of SA W. MARVIN GHEESLING dated February 9, 1955,
Washington, D. C.
WFO letters to Director and New York dated February 15, and
March 8, 1955.

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94	April, 19	Subject born in Russia, 5/8/10, or 5/8/12. Naturalized in 930 at Brooklyn, NY. Subject is an internationally known	929
	Baltimore COMMITTER	Subject reported in 1915 as CPA member as set out in report of SAM JAMES T. MAGHER, dated 2/26/45, captioned "NATIONAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN.")	,
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3. Civil Rights Congress (CRC), sponsor 2nd Annual Conference, November, 1947, performer CRC reception, June, 1952.
4. Council on African Affairs, sponsor, date of activity not determined.
5. International Workers Order. TWO Office of Cultural Committee, Lodge 691, August, 1947.
Two member, Lodge 525, July, 1951 and February, 1952
6. National Committee of American - Soviet Friendship, performed with PAUL ROBESON: 5/28/48. ("Morning Freiheit", May 16, 1948)
7. Progressive Party, performer with PAUL ROBESON at February 1950 Convention. ("The Worker" 2/12/50)
8. USSR Information Bulletin, paid subscriber June,
9. "Soviet Russia Today", member advisory council, September, 1947. (IEE PENNINGTON, Director National Commission, American Legion)
Subject performed at Rumanian Legation, Washington, D. C.,
Subject participated in concert at Czechoslovakian Embassy. Washington, D. C. 2/9/55.

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Recommendation

Remove from SI. Subject's activities do not come within present criteria.

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- 1. Subject is not presently tabbed.
- 2. Not applicable.
- 3. Subject has been recommended for deletion from SI.

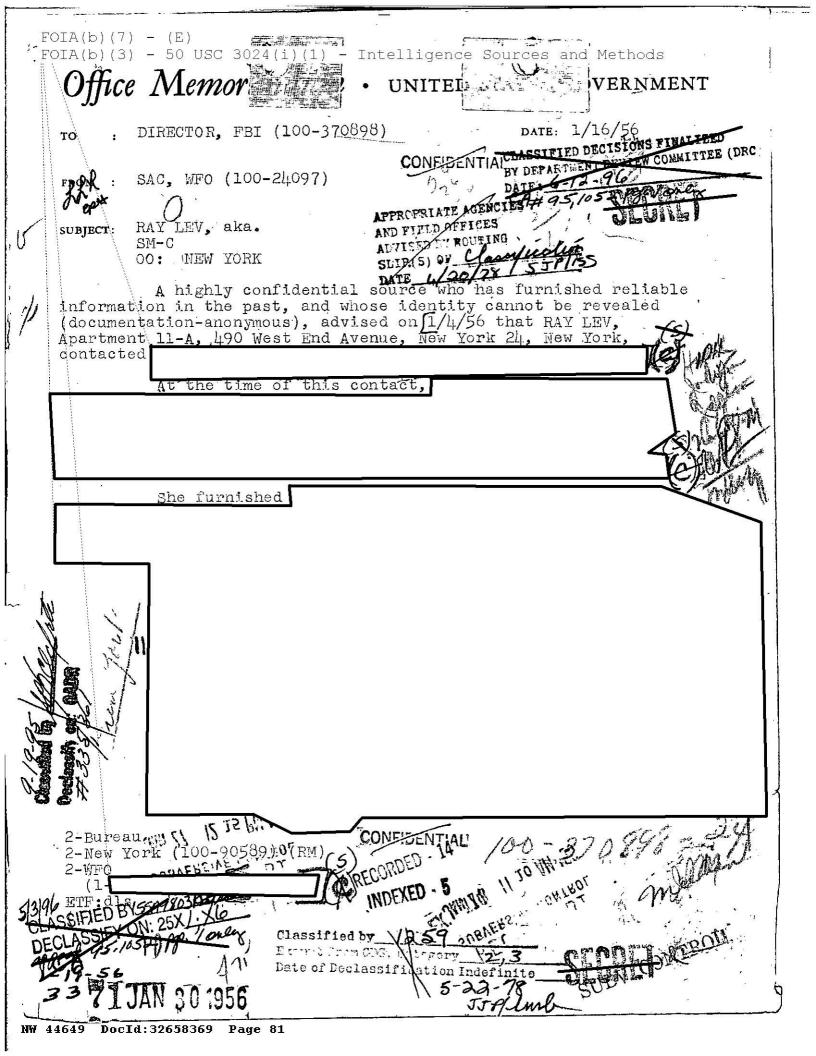
Office Men OVERNMENT DATE: 11/8/55 TO DIRECTOR, FB1 (100-370898) FROM, SAC, WFO (100-24097) SUBJECT: RAY LEV, aka. Mrs. George P. Edgar, Ray Lev Edgar SECURITY MATTER - C 00: New York The above information, if used in a report, must be carefully paraphrased so as not to reveal this sensitive source. The above is being furnished for the additional info of the New York Office, and WFO should be furnished a copy of any subsequent investigative results for info. RUC. ETF:amo (6)2- New York (100-90589) (RM) INDEXED - 15 39 NOV 3 1955 12 11 TZ WW . DX. - 124 SUBY. COMPROT SUBVERSIVE CONTROL 60 NOV 18 1955

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The highly confidential source could furnish no further info re the above information.

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Relet from Washington Field dated January 19, 1956.

You are instructed to submit future communications in this case under the subject's true name as carried in this letter since she has been married to George Edgar and uses that name officially.

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FROM SAC, WFO (100-24097)

SUBJECT:

RAYLIEV, aka.,

New York

A review of the subject's passport file appears in report of SA W. MARVIN GHEESLING, WFO, dated 2/9/55 captioned as above.

New York handle in accordance with instructions in SAC letter RUC.

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ice Memorallum • united sta OVERNMENT 11592 DIRECTOR, FBL (100-370898) DATE: SAC. NEW YORK (LOTGO-90589) RAY LE VEDGAR. wa. SM-C OO:NEW YORK FOIA(b)(1)A review of the NYO files pertaining to RAY LEV EDGAR reflects she was born in Russia, 5/8/10 or 5/8/12. She was naturalized in April, 1930, at Brooklyn, NY. FOIA(b)(7)She is a prominently known concert pianist. In 1945 LEV was reported to be a CPA member (per Baltimore report of SA JAMES T. MAHER, 2/26/45, captioned "NATIONAL COMMITTEE FOR PROTECTION OF THE FOREIGN BORN.") LEV was reported in March. 1918. as a self-admitted Communist Party (CP) member (per JACK STATCHEL, CP functionary, described LEV as being under CP discipline prior to 1943 and for two years after (LOUIS BUDENZ inJuly, 1950.) LEV was a candidate for City Council in Manhattan in 1949 on the ALP ticket (Daily Worker" 8/11/49) to the LEV has been active on behalf of numerous CP front groups as a member, sponsor, speaker, sympathizer, performer from 1945 to 1954. Principal among these ware: - Bureau (100-370898) ('RM) 1 - Washington Field (100-24097) (RM) 1 - New York (100-90589) RECORDED - 25 WEN:axm

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6.	National Committee of American-Soviet Friendship Performer, 5/28/48 ("Morning Friehlet" 5/16/48	**
7.	Progressive Party Performer, Convention, February, 1950, ("The Worker, 2/12/50)	٠ 3
8.	USSR Information Bulletin Paid subscriber, June, 1952	
9.	Soviet Russia Today. Member of Advisory Council, September, 1947 (LEE PENNINGT Director, National Commission, American Legion).	OI
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necessary for her publicity to perform before groups and to sponsor organizations which would not always meet with popular approval

She asserted that as a result of origina and background she felt that as a "Jew" she was a member of a minority group and felt it to be incumbent upon her to aid Jewish people and those of foreign birth. She had, therefore, assisted as a sponsor or performer (at the functions of) many organizations, whose ultimate purpose or officers were unknown to her.

All requests for her assistance were received through the mail and she formed her own conclusions for assisting without influence by anyone else. She declined to express an opinion regarding Communism, unless it became necessary in a usual and proper legal procedure.

On 2/11/55 Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS (protect identity), Assistant Director, Passport Office, Department of State, advised SA KENNETH J. HASER that on 2/10/55 RAY LEV presented herself at his office to discuss validation of her passport for travel to Poland. In the course of the interview Mr. NICHOLAS asked LEV if she was or had ever been a member of the CP. LEV replied she would not answer the question except in a legal proceeding.

at receptions held at the Rumanian Legation, Washington, D.C. on 2/9/55.

A high confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, (anonymous) advised on 1/4/56 that RAY LEV has been in contact

An anonymous letter dated 1/5/56 received by the NYO alleges the writer heard RAY LEV ridicule the Department

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of State for having refused to permit her to attend a music "contest" in Europe a year or so ago.

The information referred to above as received from Mr. ASHLEY J. NICHOLAS also including comment that he requested LEV to surrender her passport pending determination as to whether her case came within the purview of Section 51.135, Title 22, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to the limitations on the issuance of passports to persons supporting the Communist movement.) LEV disclaimed having it in her possession at the time.

On 3/6/55 SA HASER ascertained the files of the Passport Office, Department of State, reflected that on 2/28/55 a letter was directed to the INS, Washington, D.C. requesting that LEV'S passport be taken up should she attempt to leave the United States.

It would appear that RAY LEV did not actually travel to Poland in February, 1955. In any event in view of the above, it is the recommendation of the NYO that she not be considered for interview relating to her activities of travel abroad. It is believed she has by her actions demonstrated a continuing sympathy with Communist causes and the aims of the setellite government officials.

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NEW YORK, NEW YORK, 2/10/56

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Re WFO airtel, 2/3/56, reflecting that subject planned to travel to NYC on 2/5/56, and to return to Washington, D.C., on the same date, es travel via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Subject arrived in NYC via Pennsylvania Railroad Train at 1:25 p.m. on 2/5/56. At 3:10 p.m. he entered the apartment building at 490 West End Ave., NXC, and was observed looking at apartment directory in lobby. He entered the elevator and went to en upper floor.

It was noted that one RAY LEV EDGAR was listed on the apartment directory as the occupant of apartment 11A, 490 West End Ave., NYC.

At 4:36 p.m. subject left building at 490 West End Ave., NYC.

At 9:40 p.m. on 2/5/56, subject departed NYC aboard Pennsylvania Railroad Train "The Embassy" bound for Washington, D.C.

For information.

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Date:

March 10, 1950

To:

Mr. E. Tomlin Balley

Director

Office of Security Department of State 515 22nd Street, N.W. Washington 25, D. C.

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director Federal Bureau of Investigation

Subject:

RAY LEV

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Enclosed herewith is a copy of a memorandum concerning the subject's foreign travel.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches in London, Paris, and Rome for coverage of the subject's activities in England, Denmark, France, and Italy. No investigation is requested; however, this Durëau would appreciate receiving any information coming to Four attention concerning Lev.

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Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey

ATTENTION LEGAL ATTACHES LONDON, PARIS, AND ROME AND SAC, NEW YORK:

Enclosed herewith for each of the above-mentioned Legal Attaches, is a copy of referenced memorandum.

The Legal Attaches are requested to alert their sources for information concerning the subject. For your information, subject's name is not included in the Security Index.

New York is requested to advise the Bureau when the subject returns to her residence. This information should be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Security Index card on subject cancelled 10-4-55. She resides at 490 West End Avenue, New York City, and is concert pianist. She was issued passport 11-12-58. On passport application Lev stated that she planned to depart New York City 12-15-58 for a concert tour of 3-to 6-months in England, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, and Israel. Apartment superintendent at residence advised 2-13-59 that subject was away from residence but could furnish no additional information. Classified confidential since enclosure contains information from informants which, if disclosed, could endanger a valuable investigative technique.

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DATE: TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898) 2/20/59 FROM : SAC. NEW YORK (100-90589) SUBJECT: RAY LEV, aka. SM-C Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau's consideration of dissemination to the Department of State, in view of the subject's foreign travel. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)REFERENCE WFO letter to NY dated 12/16/58. ADMINISTRATIVE Attached memorandum is being classified Confidential in view of the information furnished by It this fact was disclosed it would endanger a valuable investigative technique. This would be detrimental to the Bureau's coverage of Subversive Activities. Inasmuch as there are no leads outstanding in this case, this case is being closed. INFORMANTS: Identity of Source LOUIS F. BUDENZ (Concealed per request) NY T-3 Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed and T symbols were used only in those instances where neces to conceal. 2- Bureau (100-370898) (RM) (Encls 5) EC. (C. 6) BZ FEB 24 1959 New York (100-90589)3 14,37 SUBY, COOUROR OFL:ofl LONDY, FARTS, ROME (E

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Hederal Bureau of Investigation New York, New York February 20, 1959

Re: Ray Lev, also known as Mrs. George P. Edgar Ray Lev Edgar Security Matter - C

On December 8, 1958, Special Agent Hilmer H. Krebs reviewed the subject's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C. This file reflected the following information:

The subject was issued passport number 1258299 on November 12, 1958. She previously had passport number 334109. The subject indicated that she wanted to depart from New York City on December 15, 1958, by air for a concert tour of three to six months in England, France, Holland, Ftaly, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Israel. Subject's Dermanent residence was 490 West End Avenue, New York City.

On February 13, 1959, Mr. Bart Surelo, Superintendent; 490 West End Avenue, New York City, advised Special Agent 0. Franklin Lowie that the subject continues to maintain her residence at this address but that she is temporarily away from her residence. He said that he did not know the length of time that the subject had been away, the length of time that the subject would be away or where the subject had gone. He added that the subject was a quiet tenant and that he did not know anyone in the building that could furnish any information on the subject.

In 1950, NY T-1, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the two years subsequent to 1943 Jack Stachel, a member of the National Committee, CP, USA, at that time, advised him officially several times that the subject was under Communist discipline.

This document contains neither recommendation nor conclusion of any kind. It is the property of the FBI, and is loaned to your agency; it and/or its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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ENCLOSURE ;

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The Communist Party (CP) has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-2, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 22, 1950, that a release containing a list of sponsors of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) Conference to be held in New York Citygon December 2-3, 1950, included the subject's name among the sponsors of the National Conference.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

"Fraternal Outlook", the official publication of the International Workers Order (IWO), in an issue dated November, 1946, page 7, contained a photograph of the subject and an article entitled "IWO's Solidarity Center in Harlem". This article reflected that the above center was a corporation with a Board of Directors elected by members of Lodge 691. The subject's photograph appeared along with a statement that she was a member of the Advisory Board of the new center.

The IWO has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that according to the program of the Cultural and Scientific Conference For World Peace held in New York City, March 25-27, 1949, undor the auspices of the National Council of the Arts, Sciences and Professions (NCASP) the subject was listed as one of the sponsors.

The NCASP is characterized in the appendix hereto.

The following description of the subject was obtained from "Current Biography" and the Board of Elections, New York City:



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Name

Race Sex Hair Eyes Height Occupation Residence

Date of Birth Place of Birth Relatives Ray Lev, also known as Mrs. George P. Edgar, Ray Lev Edgar White Female Reddish Brown Light Brown 5' 2½" Concert pianist 490 West End Avenue, New York City May 8, 1910 or May 8,1912 Russia Father, Moses Elihulev Mother Debora Elihulev.

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE ARTS, SCIENCES, AND PROFESSIONS

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions:

"National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions

- "1. Cited as a Communist front.
 (Committee on Un-American, Activities,
 House Report 1954 on the Scientific
 and Cultural Conference for World Peace
 arranged by the National Council of the
 Arts, Sciences, and Professions and held
 in New York City on March 25, 26, and
 27. 1949, April 26, 1950, originally
 released April 19, 1949, p. 2.)
- "2. Cited as a Communist front which is 'used to appeal to special occupational groups * * *'

 (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

3/27/59

SAC, NEW YORK

AUGUST B. EDELMANN CHIEF HOSPITAL CORPSMAN, U. S. NAVY INFORMATION CONCERNING

Reference is made to New York letter 2/3/59 captioned National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell; IS - C."

Relet forwarded to the Bureau a letterhead memorandum concerning EDELMANN'S association with RAY LEY (Bufile 100-370898) and associates of hers. EDELMANN said he had gained the impression these associates were Communist sympathizers.

The letterhead memorandum also indicated that EDELMANN said it was his intention to furnish the information immediately to his appropriate Supervisors in the United States Navy.

On 3/20/59, Lt. G. J. O'DONNELL, JR., U. S. Navy, appeared at the NYO and wanted to know if the Bureau wanted to give consideration to utilizing EDELMANN as a source to get information about the individuals with whom he was associating.

Lt. O DONNELL was advised that the Bureau appreciated the thought but that inasmuch as EDELMANN was in the United States Navy the Bureau could not consider utilizing him as a source.

By letter dated 3/24/59, DIO, 3ND, requested this office to furnish them with all pertinent information relative to RAY LEV to be used in connection with the investigation of EDELMANN:

Copies of the reports in the RAY LEV case are being sent immediately to DIO and an up-to-date report will be submitted in the near future, a copy of which will be disseminated to DIO.

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One copy of this report is being disseminated to ONI, New York, per letter from ONI dated March 24, 1959. Also one copy of each of the following reports is being disseminated to ONI, New York:

Reports of SA W. MARVIN GHESSLING, at WFO, dated 2/9/55 and 4/25/55. Report of SA JOHN S. WEAVER, at New York, dated 8/16/54. Report of SA ROBERT J. WILKISON, at New York, dated 12/28/53. Report of SA THOMAS J. HURLEY, Jr., at New York, dated 8/9/51. Report of SA JOHN V. JACKOLSKI, at WFO, dated 7/17/51. Report of SA THOMAS J. HURLEY, at New York, dated 5/31/51.

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If this information were disclosed, it would tend to jeopardize the above highly placed security informants and jeopardize the Bureau's coverage of subversive activities.

The subject was interviewed on 12/14/53 and furnised no information of value to the Bureau, therefore, no request to interview the subject is being made at this time.

The subject's activities do not warrant her inclusion on the Security Index.

In view of the fact that there are no outstanding leads in this case, this case is being closed.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source	File No. Where Located
NY T-1	
NY T-2	Documentation of PALMER WEBER.
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NY T-3	ΚΟΙΑ(Β)(1) - (D)
NY T-4	
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NY T-6	Documentation of HELEN ALFRED.
NY T-7	Documentation of NORMA HANAN SPECTER.
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NY 100-90589 Identity of Source File No. Where Located NY T-8 Anonymous Source, WFO NY T-9 NV T-10 NY T-11 NY T-12 100-90589-129 NY T-13 100-104142-535 NY T-14 100-90589-161 NY T-15 100-90589-151 HCUA, Executive Session, FOIA(b)(7) - (D)2/6/57 NY T-16 Anonymous Source WFO NY T-17 100-90589-118 NY T-18 100-93145-268, p.3 DONALD JONES, Assistant Treasurer, Union Trust Company, 15th and H Streets Washington, D.C. NY T-19 Documentation for ALVENA VAJDA BUNIN. COVER PAGE

Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

The following informants were contacted concerning the subject and advised that the subject was unknown to them:

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	3/26/59 3/26/59	SA	JOHN	Α.	HAAG
	3/24/59	SA	PAUL	A.	JOENSEN

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Copy to

1- ONI, New York City (RM) (A8-5/GJO:mr Ser: 02826/92E2)

Report of:

SA O. FRANKLIN LOWIE

Office: New York

Date:

April 23, 1959

File Number:

New York 100-90589

Bureau 100-370898

Title:

RAY LEV EDGAR

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides Apartment 11A, 490 West End Avenue, New York City. RAY LEV was in contact with PALMER WEBER, 1958; extended invitation to

1957; received invitation from HELEN ALFRED to visit her home, 1957; was sent correspondence by NORMA HANAN SPECTOR, 1956; played concert at Czechoslovakian Embassy, 1955; attended a party which was for benefit of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell, 1959; was a guest at dinner sponsored by the ECLC, 1955; reported as sponsor of ACPFB, 1955; was reported former guest teacher at Metropolitan Music School, 1957; and was in contact with

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Details:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

On February 13, 1959, Mr. BART SURELO, Superintendent, 490 West End Avenue, New York City, advised that the subject resides at this address in Apartment 11A.

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B. Foreign Travel

On December 8, 1958, SA HILMER H. KREBS reviewed the subject's file at the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C. This file reflected that RAY LEV was issued Passport Number 1258299 on November 12, 1958. LEV previously had Passport Number 334109. The subject indicated that she wanted to depart from New York City on December 15, 1958, by air for concert tour of three to six months in England, France, Holland, Italy, Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Israel. The subject indicated that her birth date was April 8, 1910, in Rostov, Russia.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

A. Evidence of Association with Communist Party (CP)
Members and Other Associates

On December 5, 1958, NY T-1 advised that PALMER WEBER was in contact with RAY LEV on that date.

NY T-2 furnished information on December 11, 1957, which disclosed that PALMER WEBER as of November 25, 1957, was a National Council member of the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC) and was also a member of the Executive Committee of that organization.

The ECLC is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

On November 1, 1957, NY T-3 advised that RAY LEV

Immigration and Naturalization Service, 70 Columbus Avenue, New York City, advised SA PAUL BOYCE TOMPKINS on November 7, 1956, that on that date

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The publication "Permanent Missions to the United Nations" dated January, 1957, as checked by SA MALCOLM E. SAMPLE, reflected that

On October 16, 1957, NY T-4 advised that HELEN ALFRED sent RAY LEV an invitation to have her, among others, meet ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN, People's Rights Party candidate for City Council, at ALFRED's home on October 17, 1957. RAY LEV replied, "So sorry. Tickets for City Center. Greetings to Elizabeth."

The People's Rights Party has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On July 7, 1958, NY T-5 advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN was elected National Field Organizer of the CP, USA, at the CP National Committee meeting held on June 28, 1958.

The CP, USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On April 23, 1954, NY T-6 advised that HELEN ALFRED was one of the stockholders of Publishers New Press, Inc., publishers of the "Daily Worker" and "The Worker."

The "Daily Worker" was an East Coast daily Communist publication which suspended operation on January 13, 1958.

"The Worker" is an East Coast weekly Communist publication.

On February 8, 1956, NY T-7 advised that NORMA HANAN SPECTOR sent correspondence to Miss RAY LEV, Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 West 69th Street, New York City.

On January 3, 1956, NY T-7 made available information which reflected that NORMA HANAN SPECTOR was engaged in

in propaganda activities on behalf of the Council of Greek Americans.

The Council of Greek Americans has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

NY T-8 advised during 1955 that during February, 1955, ALVENA VAJDA BUNIN had advised that she unfortunately missed the concert by RAY LEV at the Czechoslovakian Embassy during early 1955.

NY T-19 advised on March 14, 1952, that ALVENA VAJDA BUNIN was a member of the International Workers Order (IWO) Lodge Number 2250 in New Jersey in 1951.

B. Evidence of Membership in or Association with CP Front Organizations

On January 17, 1959, NY T-9 advised that it had been determined that RAY LEV attended a party in New York City on January 16, 1959, which party was held for the benefit of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell.

The National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

On December 16, 1955, NY T-10 made available information which indicated that RAY LEV, 490 West End Avenue, New York City, was a guest at a dinner sponsored by the ECLC held on December 15, 1955, at the Capitol Hotel, New York City.

On November 30, 1955, NY T-11 made available a copy of the "New York Beacon", a publication of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB). The "New York Beacon" reflected an announcement of RAY LEV's concert at Carnegie Hall, New York City.

On November 7, 1955, NY T-12 made available a letterhead of the ACPFB, which reflected that RAY LEV was a sponsor of that organization.

The ACPFB has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

On December 3, 1955, NY T-13 made available the September-October, 1949, issue of "The Jewish Fraternalist," self-identified official magazine of the Jewish Peoples Fraternal Order (JPFO), International Workers Order (IWO). In an article entitled" "Women Today with the Emma Lazarus Division," it was stated that on Sunday, November 20 (year not given), there would be a meeting in Town Hall, New York, where RAY LEV, emminent pianist, would be an outstanding feature.

The IWO and the JPFO have been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The "National Guardian", issue of November 14, 1955, page 10, reflected that RAY LEV would give her annual New York concert at Carnegie Hall on Friday, November 18 (year not given). The article also reflected that Miss LEV was invited last February to be a judge at the 5th International Chopin Competition in Warsaw, Poland.

During 1955, Mr. F. N. FURCH, General Manager, Hotel Sheraton-Astor, Broadway and 44th Street, New York City, advised/EDMUND FLANAGAN and ROBERT T. FIELDHOUSE that the "National Guardian" held its annual dinner at this hotel on November 30, 1954. RAY LEV was supposed to have been sitting at table 67, according to the seating arrangement. Mr. FURCH added that he was unable to state whether RAY LEV had actually attended the dinner.

The "National Guardian" is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

C. Miscellaneous Activities

During December, 1957, NY T-14 advised that RAY LEV, 490 West End Avenue, New York City, was in contact with

During 1957, NY T-15 advised that he learned on February 6, 1957, that RAY LEV had been reported to be a former guest teacher at the Metropolitan Music School.

On June 5, 1956, LILLIAN ALICE POPPER, 18 West 74th Street, New York City, made available to SAs EDWARD P. GRIGALUS and DONALD L. PRETZINGER the 1955-56 catalogue of the Metropolitan Music School, Inc., which reflected RAY LEV as a sponsor of the organization.

The Metropolitan Music School, Inc., is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

The New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation received an anonymous letter dated January 5, 1956, which reflected in part the following:

"I have been exposed to some vile anti-American propaganda while in the presence of a so-called concert pianist, Ray Lev, of West End Ave., N.Y. I heard the worst things said about our life, institutions, government, etc., and, of course, nothing but the best about the communist countries and Russia in particular."

The letter was signed "an American citizen."

On January 4, 1956, NY T-16 advised that on that date RAY LEV, Apartment 11A. 490 West End Avenue, New York City. contacted

On October 28, 1955, NY T-16 advised that on that date RAY LEV. 490 West End Avenue. New York City, contacted

On May 19, 1955, NY T-17 made available an invitation from the Business and Professional Committee of the American Labor Party (ALP) to hear a guest speaker on Foreign Affairs on May 16, 1955, at the home of RAY LEV, Apartment 11-A, 490 West End Avenue, New York City.

The ALP is characterized in the Appendix hereto.

On March 25, 1955, NY T-18 advised that RAY LEV was named payee on two checks, both dated February 9, 1955, in the total amount of \$555.00, drawn on the Czechoslovakian Embassy, Washington, D.C.

It is to be noted that NY T-18 no longer has possession of the basic documents from which the above check information was obtained.

The above information furnished by NY T-18 will not be made public except by the usual proceedings following the issuance of a subpoena.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

During March, 1959, several informants, who are familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the New York City area, advised that the subject is unknown to them.

APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the American Labor Party:

- "1. 'For years, the Communists have put forth the greatest efforts to capture the entire American Labor Farty throughout New York State. They succeeded in capturing the Manhattan and Brooklyn sections of the American Labor Party but outside of New York City they have been unable to win control.'

 (Special Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 1311 on the CIO Political Action Committee, March 29, 1944, p. 78.)
- "2. 'Communist dissimulation extends into the field of political parties forming political front organizations such as the * * * American Labor Party. The Communists are thus enabled to present their candidates for elective office under other than a straight Communist label.'
 (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

On October 7, 1956, Peter Hawley, New York State Chairman, American Labor Party, publicly announced the American Labor Party State Committee unanimously approved a resolution dissolving the organization and ordering the liquidation of its assets.

A:PPENDIX

EMERGENCY CIVIL LIBERTIES COMMITTEE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee:

"Emergency Civil Liberties Committee

"1. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching cut far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * Emergency Civil Liberties Committee. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these fronts offer a bulwark of protection.'

(Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

APPENDIX '

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, " revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case:

"1. Following the execution of atomic spies Ethel and Julius Rosenberg in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon Morton Sobell, the Rosenbergs' codefendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case—a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States -- was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a conference in Chicago in October 1953 and 'then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case. National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were Daniel Marshall and Joseph Brainin.

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell, 'August 25, 1956, pp. 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p.30.)"

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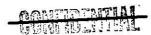
NATIONAL GUARDIAN

The "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications," revised and published as of January 2, 1957, prepared and released by the Committee on Un-American Activities, United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., contains the following concerning the "National Guardian":

"National Guardian

"1. 'Established by the American Labor Party in 1947 as a "progressive" weekly. * * * Although it denies having any affiliation with the Communist Party, it has manifested itself from the beginning as a virtual official propaganda arm of Soviet Russia.'

(Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, 'Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,' August 25, 1956, p. 12)"



NY 100-90589 APPENDIX METROPOLITAN MUSIC SCHOOL, INC.

The Metropolitan Music School, Inc. (MMS), catalogue for 1957-1958, reflects the school is located at 18 West 74th Street, New York 23, New York. The catalogue states the school was founded in 1935 and is a nonprofit cooperative, progressive both in teaching methods and social outlook.

On November 16, 1954, a confidential informant advised that he believes the MMS was organized for the purpose of developing the cultural aspects of the Communist movement, particularly in the field of music. The informant advised on November 2, 1954, he was of the impression that the MMS was always in the hands of the Communist Party. The school's director, LTLLY POPPER, was known to the informant as a Communist Party number.

The "New York Times," issue of June 30, 1957, contains an article reflecting that as a result of hearings held in New York City in April, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities had concluded the MMS "is controlled by identified Communists." In support of its conclusion, the Committee named seven present and former officials as having been identified as Communist Party members or as having invoked the Fifth Amendment when interrogated.





United States Department of Instice Nederal Tureau of Investigation

NY 100-90589

New York, New York April 23, 1959

Re: Ray Lev Edgar Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent O. Franklin Lowie, at New York, dated and captioned as above.

The following informants have furnished reliable information in the past: NY T-2, NY T-4, NY T-5, NY T-6, NY T-11, NY T-12, NY T-13, NY T-17 and NY T-19.

The following informants were in a position to furnish reliable information: NY T-1, NY T-3, NY T-8, NY T-9, NY T-10, NY T-14, NY T-15, NY T-16 and NY T-18.

NY T-7 was in a position to furnish reliable information concerning Norma Hanan Spector.

The informants who did not know the subject have furnished reliable information in the past.

The informant used to characterize the Metropolitan Music School has furnished reliable information in the past.

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Office Memorandum · UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 4/29/59

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT: RAY LEV EDGAR, Nee Ray Lev

aka Mrs. George P. Edgar

SM - C

Re: Bulet to Mr. E. Tomlin Bailey, Director, Office of Security, Department of State, 515 22nd Street, N.W., Washington, 25, D. C., dated March 31, 1959.

Enclosed herewith are the original and four copies of a letterhead memorandum for the Bureau's consideration of dissemination to the Department of State per referenced communication.

For information of the Bureau, Mr. BART SURELO, Superintendent, 490 West End Avenue, New York City, advised on April 15, 1959, that the subject is frequently gone from her residence for periods of three or four weeks. Mr. SURELO added that usually he is unaware of where the subject intends to go or where she has been when she returns. He said that in the event that he hears that the subject is planning an extended trip out of the country he will notify the NYO.

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New York, New York

April 23, 1959

Re: Ray Lev Edgar, nee Ray Lev, Also known as Mrs. George P. Edgar Security Matter - C

On April 15, 1959, Mr. Bart Surelo, Superintendent, 490 West End Avenue, New York, New York, advised Special Agent O. Franklin Lowie that he learned on April 14, 1959, that the subject had returned to her apartment, apartment 11A 490 West End Avenue, New York, New York, Mr. Surelo added that he did not know where the subject had been during her absence from her apartment.

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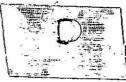
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E FOREIGN SERVICE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy Paris 8, France O 5/20

Date:

May 12, 1959

To:

Director, FBI (100-370898)

From:

Legal Attache, Paris (100-848)

Subject: RAY LEV

SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York memo 4/23/59.

Referenced memo advised that the subject has returned to the United States. Appropriate information has been furnished to the and a notice has been placed in their liles so that II any information is received regarding her activities this office will be advised.

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Date:

January 4, 1961

To:

Office of Security Department of State

From:

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Subject:

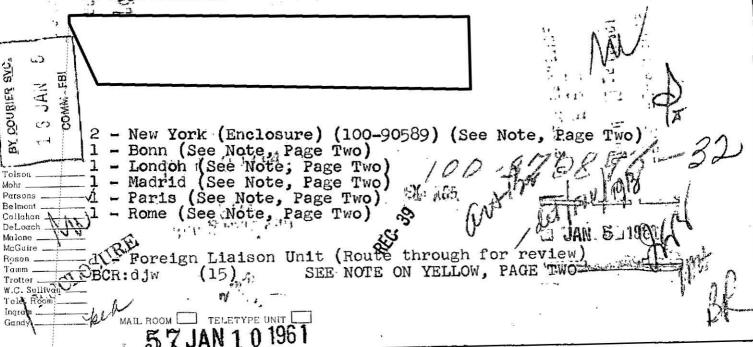
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SECURITY MATTER - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning the subject.

According to the records of your Department, the subject's Passport Number 1258299 was renewed on November 10, 1960, at New York. In her renewal application, subject indicated her intention to depart from New York on November 16, 1960, for a concert tour of approximately 18 months! duration in England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandinavia and Israel.

This matter has been referred to the Legal Attaches in Bohn, London, Madrid, Paris and Rome for coverage of subject's activities in the above-mentioned countries other than Israel. In the event information of interest concerning the subject's activities in Israel comes to your attention, its receipt would be appreciated.



FOIA(b)(3) - 50 USC 3024(i)(1) - Intelligence Sources and Methods

Office of Security Department of State

ATTENTION: SAC, NEW YORK, AND LEGAL ATTACHES, BONN, LONDON, MADRID, PARIS AND ROME

Enclosed for New York is a copy of State Department communication received at the Bureau December 21, 1960.

Legal Attaches alert sources for information concerning the subject's activities abroad.

New York develop additional details regarding the subject's travel, including verification of departure, itinerary, proposed activities abroad, expected date of return to the United States. Submit results in memorandum form suitable for dissemination.

For the information of the Legal Attaches, Bonn and Madrid, who have not received previous communications concerning the subject, subject was born on May 8, 1910, in Russia, and was naturalized a United States citizen in 1930. She is an internationally known concert planist. She was reported to have been adherent to the Communist Party from 1943 to 1945, and to have been a member of the Communist Political Association in 1945. From 1945 to 1959 she has been identified with the activities of numerous communist front organizations as a member, sponsor, sympathizer, speaker or performer. During the same period, she was also reported to be in contact with

in contact with numerous other individuals possessing subversive backgrounds. She is described as white, five feet two inches, reddish brown hair and brown eyes.

The above descriptive data and subversive background may be furnished to sources of the Legal Attaches if deemed desirable. Subject's name is not currently included in the Security Index. New York is office of origin.

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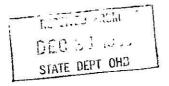
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WASHINGTON



November 21, 1960

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FBI Liaison:

Re:

Residence:

Bureau File Number:

Washington Field Office:

Passport Number:

Attorney:

Travel Plans: Port of Departure:

Date of Departure:

Means of Transportation:

Proposed Length of Stay:

Countries to be Visited: _

Purpose of Trip:

For Information Only

Ray Lev

Born: May 8, 1910

Place: Russia

120 W. 71st Street

Apt #3

New York 23, New York

100-24097

1258299 issued November 12,

1958 at Washington, D. C.;

renewed November 10, 1960

at New York

None

New York

November 16, 1960

SS Liberte

Eighteen months

England, France, Holland, Italy,;

Germany, Austria, Portugal Scandanavia,

Concert Tours

PASSPORT OFFICE PT/L - Robert D. Johnson

ENCLOSURE

100-370898 -32 No. 1

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT:

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RAY LEV aka
Ray Lev Edgar
Mrs. George P Edgar

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Title is changed to reflect the subject's true name as RAY LEV since she was divorced from her husband GEORGE P. EDGAR on 1/18/56 and since she now uses the name RAY LEV professionally and at her residence.

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ReBulet to Office of Security, Department of State, Washington, D. C., dated 1/4/61, captioned "RAY LEV, SM-C". Reference report of SA O. FRANKLIN LOWIE at NY, dated 4/23/59, captioned "RAY LEV EDGAR, nee RAY LEV aka SM-C".

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Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letter-head memorandum reflecting the subject is presently in NYC and she contemplates overseas concert tour beginning in February, 1961.

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The current New York Telephone Company Directory reflects a listing for RAY LEV, 120 West 71st Street, NYC, telephone number TR 3-2898.

On 1/6/61 ALEX LAWRENCE, Superintendent, 145 West 71st Street, NYC, a friend of the owner of the apartment building where the subject resides, 120 West 71st Street, advised SA JAMES E. GARRIS that he last saw the subject leaving her apartment about two weeks ago. He could furnish no other information concerning the subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

New York, New York January 26, 1961

Bureau 100-370898 New York 100-90589

Re: Ray Leville Matter - C

Subject resides at 120 West 71st Street, apartment 3R, New York, New York, and is self employed as a concert pianist.

On November 21, 1960, Robert D. Johnson, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D. C., advised that passport number 1258299, issued on November 12, 1958, at Washington, D. C., was renewed on November 10, 1960, at New York, New York, by Ray Lev, 120 West 71st Street, apartment 3, New York, New York, who was described as born on May 8, 1910, in Russia. According to the Passport records, Miss Lev indicated she planned a concert tour to England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandanavia and Israel for a period of eighteen months. She further indicated she planned to depart New York on November 16, 1960, on the steamship "Liberte".

On January 11, 1961, M. A. Macari, Landing Agent, French Line, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, which firm operates the steamship "Liberte", advised that he could locate no record of the subject departing at any time during 1960 on any steamship, including the "Liberte", operated by this company. He further advised he could locate no record of any reservation placed by the subject for future travels on steamships operated by the French Line.

On January 11, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained from the subject, who presently resides at 120 West 71st Street, apartment 3R, New York, New York, that she originally planned to leave New York City in November, 1960, on a concert tour in Europe, but she was forced to delay her departure because of illness. She stated she now plans to depart New York City in early February, 1961, on her concert tour. She added that her tentative schedule includes appearances in England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, and the Scandanavian countries. She said her "headquarters" will be "just outside Cambridge, England". She indicated that her tour will commence in February, 1961, and will last until November, 1962, at which time she plans to return to New York City. The subject also stated that

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On 1/6/61 SA GARRIS observed the mail boxes in the lobby of the apartment building, 120 West 71st Street and RAY LEV was listed as occupying apartment 3R.

On 1/6/61 and 1/10/61 SA GARRIS attempted to telephone the subject at TR 3-2898 under a suitable pretext but no one answered.

On 1/11/61, JAMES SULLIVAN, Mail Carrier, Ansonia Station, USPO, 1990 Broadway, NYC (conceal), advised SA GARRIS that he continues to deliver mail to the subject at 120 West 71st Street, the latest delivery being 1/10/61.

On 1/11/61, HERMAN EISENBERG, clerk, USPO, Main Office, 8th Avenue and 33rd Street, NYC, (conceal), advised SA GARRIS that as of this date the subject has not submitted a removal notice.

On 1/11/61, CHARLES SOLLINGER, Assistant Treasurer, Musicians Union Local 802, 261 West 52nd Street, NYC, advised SA GARRIS that his records contain no information concerning the subject other than her address which is listed as 120 West 71st Street, NYC.

Pretext on 1/11/61 was telephone call made by SA GARRIS to the subject at her residence (TR 3-2898) under the guise of an anonymous travel association seeking statistics for survey purposes.

A copy of instant letterhead memorandum is being disseminated to ONI, NYC, since that agency has expressed an interest in the subject in the past. Pertinent data concerning the subject have previously been disseminated to ONI, NYC.

Bureau is referred to the letterhead memorandum dated 2/20/59 captioned "RAY LEV, aka, SM-C" which contains a resume of the subject's subversive activities and her description. In view of this, her subversive activities and description are not being included in instant letterhead memorandum/

LEADS:

NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will attempt to verify the subject's departure from NYCoon overseas concert tour in February, 1961.

2) Will handle subjects case under the Reserve Index Program.

Re: Ray Lev

although her exact date of departure from New York City is uncertain at this time, she may leave aboard the steamship "Queen Mary", which sails from New York City on February 3, 1961.

On January 11, 1961, Miss Janet Selig, Booking Agent, Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, 25 Broadway, New York, New York, which firm operates the steamship "Queen Mary", advised that the "Queen Mary" is scheduled to depart New York City on February 3, 1961, en route to Cherbourg, France, and Southampton, England. Miss Selig checked the passenger list of individuals scheduled, as of this date, to sail aboard the "Queen Mary" on February 3, 1961, but the subject is not listed as having reservations.

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TO

Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 2-23-61

Legal Attaché, Madrid (100-356)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

SECURITY MATTER - C

Re New York letterhead memorandum 1-26-61 and Bulet to Office of Security, Department of State, 1-4-61.

Information concerning subject's proposed travel, as set forth in reBulet, was supplied by written memorandum to the

and an additional memorandum containing the information regarding subject's postponement of her travel plans has also been supplied to the

In view of the somewhat uncertain travel plans of the subject, this matter is being placed in a pending inactive status here. Contact concerning the subject will be had with the in the course of the writer's next trip to Lisbon.

A copy of this letter is attached for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York Office for information.

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 UNITED STATES GOV

: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

_{DATE:} 2/28/61

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT: RAY LEV, aka

SM-C

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ReNYlet to Bureau 1/26/61 transmitting copies of a letterhead memorandum concerning the subject's proposed concert tour in Europe.

Renyrep SA JAMES E. GARRIS, dated and captioned as above, and FD 122a of the same date, submitted with recommendation for placing subject in Section A of the Reserve Index.

Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the subject is presently in NYC and now contemplates overseas concert tour in March, 1961. This same information is contained in renyrep of SA JAMES E. GARRIS, a copy of which has been designated to ONI, NYC, since that agency has expressed an interest in the subject in the past.

Pretext on 2/16/61 was telephone call made by SA JOSEPH E. MORAN to the subject under the guise of JERRY ROTH of Rutgers University, seeking the subject as a guest performer at a forthcoming Art Festival.

LEADS have been set out in renyrep SA JAMES E. GARRIS, dated and captioned as above.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-370898. / New York 100-90589 /

New York, New York February 28, 1961

Re: Ray Lev Security Matter - C

Reference is made to the communication concerning the subject dated January 26, 1961.

Subject resides at 120 West 71st Street, apartment 3R, New York, New York, and is self-employed as a concert pianist.

On February 16, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained from the subject, 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York, that as of this date she does not know exactly when she will be leaving New York City on her planned concert tour in Europe. She mentioned that she recently sub-let her apartment at 120 West 71st Street and she must vacate by March 1, 1961. She indicated that on March 1, 1961, if still in New York City, she will move in temporarily with friends at a hotel in the New York City area, where she will remain until she leaves for Europe, which will probably be some time in March, 1961.

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Report of SA O. FRANKLIN LOWIE, 4/23/59, New York.
Bureau letter to Office of Security, Department of State,
Washington, D. C., 1/4/61.
New York letter to Bureau, 1/26/61.
New York letter to Bureau, 2/28/61.

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<u>ADMINISTRATIVE</u>

Subject is being recommended for Section A of the Reserve Index and FD 122a has been submitted.

Approved

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A copy of this report is being furnished to ONI, NYC, since that agency has expressed an interest in the subject in the past.

Pretext on 2/16/61, was telephone call made by SA JOSEPH E. MORAN to the subject under the guise of JERRY ROTH of Rutgers University, seeking the subject as a guest performer at a forthcoming Art Festival.

Pretext on 1/11/61, was telephone call made by SA JAMES E. GARRIS to the subject under the guise of an anonymous travel association seeking statistics for survey purposes.

A check by SA GARRIS of the news clippings at the "New York Times" Library, 229 W. 43rd St., NYC, on 1/30/61, and the New York City Public Library, 42nd St. and 5th Ave., NYC, on 2/10/61, reflected no information concerning the subject's proposed concert tour abroad.

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contains information furnished by the una	
disclosure of which could compromise the future effe	ctiveness
of the informant and would be injurious to the Natio	nal Defense.
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Subject is not being recommended for interview at this time since she will soon be departing on an overseas concert tour which will last for approximately 18 to 20 months.

A suitable photograph of the subject is maintained in the files of the NYO.

INFORMANTS

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

NY T-1 Anonymous

FILE # WHERE LOCATED

Utilized in characterization of SARAM AMERLING

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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

IDENTITY OF SOURCE

NY T-2

NY T-3 LOUIS BUDENZ (By request)

NY T-4

NY T-5

MY T-6

FILE # WHERE LOCATED

Used in characterization of SARAM AMERLING.

Utilized in characterization of PAUL ROBESON, Tr.

Utilized in characterization of HELEN SOBELL.

Utilized in characterization of FREDERICK PALMER WEBER

Careful consideration has been given to the sources concealed in this report and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the informants must be concealed.

Confidential informants acquainted with some CP activity in the NYC area were contacted in December, 1960 and January, 1961, and a photograph of the subject was exhibited to them. These informants, however, could furnish no current information concerning the subject. The informants contacted are listed below:

INFORMANT	DATE CONTACTED	CONTACTING AGENT .
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INFORMANTS (CONT'D)

INFORMANT	DATE CONTACTED	CONTACTING AGENT
	12/20/60	ROGER O'MARA
	12/29/60	MORRIS W. HADDOCK
	12/29/60	MORRIS W. HADDOCK
	12/29/60	MORRIS W. HADDOCK
	1/3/61	DAVID RYAN
	1/3/61	DAVID RYAN
	1/3/61	DAVID RYAN
	1/9/61	JOHN P. DI MARCHI
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LEADS

NEW YORK

At New York, NY

l. Will attempt to verify subject's departure voverseas, now planned by subject in approximately March, 1961.

2. Will await Bureau's decision on NYO recommendation to include the subject in Section A of the Reserve Index.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JULICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION 8 0 N F I D E N T I A L

Copy to:

1 - ONI, NYC (A8-5/GJ0:mr, Ser. 02826/92E2)(RM)

Report of:

Field Office File No.:

JAMES E. GARRIS

Office: NEW YORK

Date:

28 Feb 1961

100-90589

Bureau File No .:

100-370898

Title:

RAY LEV

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject resides 120 West 71st St., Apt. 3R, NYC, and is self-employed as a concert planist. Subject plans extensive concert tour in Europe. commencing approximately March, 1961.

In January, 1959, subject attended party for HELEN SOBELL, wife of MORTON SOBELL, who was convicted in 1951 of conspiracy to commit espionage and sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

PALMER WEBER, described as CP member during or prior to 1952, made arrangements to visit subject in her apartment.

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DETAILS:

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On February 16, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained that the subject is residing at 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3R, New York, New York, and she is self employed as a concert pianist.

B. Foreign Travel

On November 21, 1960, ROBERT D. JOHNSON, Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., advised that passport number 1258299, issued on November 12, 1958, at Washington, D.C., was renewed on November 10, 1960, at New York, New York, by RAY LEV, 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3, New York, New York, who was described as born on May 8, 1910, in Russia. According to the Passport Records, Miss LEV indicated she planned a concert tour to England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandanavia and Israel for a period of 18 months. She further indicated she planned to depart New York on November 16, 1960, on the steamship "Liberte".

On January 11, 1961, M. A. MACARI, Landing Agent, French Line, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York, which firm operates the steamship "Liberte", advised that he could locate no record of the subject departing at any time during 1960 on any steamship, including the "Liberte", operated by this company. He further advised that he could locate no record of any reservation placed by the subject for future travels on steamships operated by the French Line.

On January 11, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the FBI ascertained from the subject, who resided at 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3R, New York, New York, that she originally planed to leave New York City in November, 1960, on a concert tour in Europe, but she was forced to delay her departure because of illness. She stated she now plans to depart New York City in early February, 1961, on her concert tour. She added that her tentative schedule includes appearances in England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria,

Portugal, and the Scandanavian countries. She said that her "headquarters" will be "just outside Cambridge, England". She indicated that her tour will commence in approximately February, 1961, and will last until November, 1962, at which time she plans to return to New York City. The subject also stated that although her exact date of departure from New York City is uncertain at this time, she may leave aboard the steamship "Queen Mary", which sails from New York City on February 3, 1961.

On January 11, 1961, Miss JANET SELIG, Booking Agent, Cunard Steamship Company, Limited, 25 Broadway, New York, New York, which firm operates the steamship "Queen Mary", advised that the "Queen Mary" is scheduled to depart New York City on February 3, 1961, en route to Cherbourg, France, and Southampton, England. Miss SELIG checked the passenger list of individuals scheduled, as of this date, to sail aboard the "Queen Mary" on February 3, 1961, but the subject was not listed as having a reservation.

On February 16, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the FBI ascertained from the subject, 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3R, New York, New York, that as of this date, she does not know exactly when she will be leaving New York City on her planned concert tour in Europe. She mentioned that she recently sub-let her apartment at 120 West 71st Street, New York City, and she must vacate by March 1, 1961. She indicated that on March 1, 1961, if still in New York City, she will move in temporarily with friends at a hotel in the New York City area, where she will remain until she leaves for Europe, which will probably be sometime in March, 1961.

II.AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

The Communist Party (C), USA, has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Associates and Miscellaneous Activity

NY T-1 made available information in December, 1949, that SARAM AMERLING, 521 Fifth Avenue, (New York City) was accepted as a member of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG).

A characterization of the NLG appears in the Appendix Section attached hereto.

NY T-2 furnished, on November 14, 1950, a list of New York City American Labor Party (ALP) candidates dated September 15, 1950. The name SARAM AMERLING was listed for Justice, Municipal Court, 9th District.

A characterization of the ALP appears in the Appendix Section attached hereto. FOIA(b)(1) NY T-3 advised in June, 1950, that PAUL ROBESON was known to him prior to 1945 as a concealed Communist.

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MARY STALCUP MARKWARD, an admitted member of the CP from 1943 to 1949, in the District of Columbia, identified HELEN GUREWITZ (HELEN SOBELL, Mrs. MORTON SOBELL) as a member of the Education and Literature Committee of the CP in Washington D. C., as of February 1, 1944.

NY T-4 advised on July 18, 1960, that HELEN SOBELL was a salaried member of the National Staff of the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell (CSJMS).

A characterization of the CSJMS appears in the Appendix Section attached here to.

MORTON SOBELL was convicted in March, 1951, with JULIUS and ETHEL ROSENBERG in the Federal District Court, Southern District of New York, of Conspiracy to Commit Espionage. The ROSENBERGS were executed in June, 1953, and SOBELL was sentenced to 30 years imprisonment.

NY T-5 made available information in July, 1960, reflecting that FREDERICK PALMER WEBER contacted the subject and made arrangements to visit her at her apartment, 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York, on July 15, 1960. The information could furnish no other information concerning the above-scheduled visit, nor whether WEBER actually visited the subject.

The April 22, 1953, issue of the the "Baltimore Sun" newspaper, carried an article indicating that FREDERICK PALMER WEBER, a research economist in New York City, testified before the United States Internal Subcommittee in Washington, D.C. on April 21, 1953. When questioned as to whether he had been a Communist while working for Congressional committees from 1940 to 1943, WEBER invoked his privilege under the 5th Amendment.

NY T-6 advised on May 5, 1952, that FREDERICK PALMER WEBER had been a Communist Party member and he was possibly still a member of the CP.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Confidential informants acquainted with some CP activity in the New York City area were contacted in December, 1960, and January, 1961, and a photograph of the subject was exhibited to them. These informants, however, could furnish no current information concerning the subject.

APPENDIX

AMERICAN LABOR PARTY

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 Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.'

 (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

APPENDIX (CONTINUED)

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

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"NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO SECURE JUSTICE FOR MORTON SOBELL IN THE ROSENBERG CASE

Following the execution of atomic spies ETHEL and JULIUS ROSENBERG in June 1953, the 'Communist campaign assumed a different emphasis. Its major effort centered upon MORTON SOBELL, the ROSENBERGS co-defendant. The National Committee to Secure Justice in the Rosenberg Case -- a Communist front which had been conducting the campaign in the United States - - was reconstituted as the National Rosenberg-Sobell Committee at a Conference in Chicago in October 1953 and then as the National Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell in the Rosenberg Case.' National headquarters remained at 1050 6th Avenue, New York City. Co-chairmen of the newest organization were DANIEL MARSHALL and JOSEPH BRAININ. (Committee on Un-American Activities, Report, Trial by Treason: The National Committee to Secure Justice for the Rosenbergs and Morton Sobell,! August 25, 1956, pp 118 and 120; also cited in Annual Report for 1955, House Report 1648, January 17, 1956, originally released January 11, 1956, p. 30.)"

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. New York 100-90589;
Bureau 100-370898

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Reference

Report of Special Agent James E. Garris, at New York, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Subject was a member of the CPA in 1945 and in March, 1948, she was reported a self-admitted CP member. She was reported to have been adherent to the CP from 1943-45 and from 1945-59, she has been identified with the activities of numerous Communist front organizations as a member, sponsor, sympathizer, speaker or performer.

and to have been in contact with numerous other individuals possessing subversive backgrounds

In view of the above, it is felt that the subject, in a time of national emergency, would be in a position to influence others against the national interest or furnish material financial aid to subversive elements due to her subversive associations and ideologies.

RECOMMENDATION

 $$\operatorname{\mathtt{That}}$ subject be included in Section A of the Reserve Index.

SI card cancelled 10/4/55.



THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA The American Embassy Rome, Italy

Date:

February 23, 1961

To:

Director, FBI (100-370898)

all From:

Legat, Rome (100-254)

Subject:

ReBulet to Office of Security, Department of State, 1/4/61, and New York memorandum 1/26/61.

Sources of Rome Office were alerted to subject's travel plans, including plans to conduct a concert tour in Italy.

To date no information has been received that subject has been in Italy.

It is noted that reference New York memorandum indicates Lev was forced to delay her departure from U. S. because of illness.

Any information which may be reported by Rome sources will be promptly forwarded Bureau and interested offices

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy Paris 8, France

Date:

February 27, 1961

To:

Director, FBI

(100-370898)

From:

Legat, Paris

(100-848)

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Subject:

RAY LEV SM - C

ReBulet to State Department 1/4/61.

Pertinent information regarding the subject's background, past activities and projected visit to Europe

was furnished to

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Any pertinent information received regarding the subject's activities in Europe will be furnished to the Bureau.

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to the subject:

indicates the name of "Information on file at one Ray Lev, not further identified, was mentioned in a letter dated 6 October 1952 from one Elisabeth Moos, New York, New York, addressed to one Beatrice S. Johnson, International-Women's-Federation (IDFF), 13 Unter den Linden, Berlin-Mitte (Soviet Sector). Moos stated that Lev, along with Kermit Moore, Paul Robeson, Heloise Robeson and Dr. FNU Barsky, spoke or performed at a meeting held in memory of Muriel Draper. No further clarifying data is available." 60 Gereported.

Any pertinent information received from other sources will be

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: DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898) ~

: SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT: RAY LEV, aka

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ReNYlets to Bureau 1/26/61 and 2/28/61, transmitting letterhead memoranda concerning the subject's proposed concert tour abroad.

Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the subject is presently in NYC and although she still contemplates a concert tour abroad, her date of departure is uncertain at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE

to ONI, NYC, since that agency has expressed an interest in the subject in the past. A copy of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished subject in the past.

Pretext on 4/4/61 was telephone call made by SA ROGER D. ASHLAND to the subject under the guise of a representative of Abrams Travel Agency, NYC, offering the Agency's services in connection with subject's forthcoming tour abroad.

On 3/16/61, HERMAN EISENBERG, Clerk, Main USPO, 8th Avenue and 33rd Street, NYC (conceal) advised SA JAMES E. GARRIS that RAY LEV, 120 West 71st Street, NYC, submitted a temporary Change of Address Card on 3/4/61, requesting her mail be forwarded to 140 West 69th Street, NYC.

Subject is in Section A of the Reserve Index. In view of her recent change of address, FD 122a will be submitted reflecting her current residence.

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At New York, New York

Will attempt to verify subject's departure overseas on her proposed concert tour and advise the Bureau in form suitable for dissemination.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.
Bureau 100-370898
New York 100-90589.

New York, New York April 4, 1961

Re: Ray Lev Security Matter - C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning the subject dated January 26, 1961, and February 28, 1961.

On March 2, 1961, Samuel Holtzman, Manager, Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 West 69th Street, New York, New York, advised that Ray Lev, a concert pianist, moved into this hotel on March 1, 1961. Holtzman stated that Lev informed him she sub-leased her apartment at 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York, and desired temporary living quarters until she makes arrangements to depart on a concert tour abroad, which arrangements will take "several weeks."

On March 16, 23, 30 and April 3, 1961, Samuel Holtzman, above, was re-contacted and he advised that Lev is still residing at the Spencer Arms Hotel. Holtzman advised on April 3, 1961, that Lev has not informed him when she will depart on her concert tour abroad.

On April 4, 1961, by means of a suitable pretext, a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) ascertained from the subject at the Spencer Arms Hotel, above address, that she contemplates a concert tour abroad, which will last from one to two years, but as of this date she does not know exactly when she will begin her tour.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT:

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(00: NY)

ReNYlets to Bureau, 1/26/61, 2/28/61 and 4/4/61, transmitting letterhead memoranda concerning the subject's proposed concert tour abroad.

On 4/21/61, SAMUEL HOLTZMAN, Manager, Spencer Arms Hotel, 140 west 69th St., NYC, where subject currently resides, advised that as of this date the subject has not advised him when she contemplates leaving on her concert tour abroad. HOLTZMAN advised that he will advise the NYO if and when the subject leaves or informs him she will be leaving on this tour.

As stated in referenced NY letterhead memorandum to the Bureau, 1/26/61, subject originally planned to depart NYC on a concert tour abroad in November, 1960. Since the subject has not yet left on this tour, and since SAMUEL HOLTZMAN, above, has advised he will inform the NYO when subject departs, this case is being placed in a closed status. It will, however, be re-opened in 90 days to determine her travel status or if information is received prior to that time that the subject has departed overseas.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy Paris 8, France

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Date:

April 24, 1961

To:

Director, FBI (100-370898)

From:

Legat, Paris (100-848)

Subject:

RAY LEV

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ReBulet to State Department 1/4/61, Paris letter 2/27/61 and New York letterhead memorandum 4/4/61.

. In view of the information contained in referenced New York letterhead memorandum, the

were advised on 4/24/61 that the subject's plans for a concert tour of Europe have been delayed, and that the date of her departure is now indefinite. were advised that they would be notified when definite information as to subject's departure date is received.

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Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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Legal Attaché, Madrid (100-356)

SUBJECT:

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Re Madrid letter 2-23-61. By report

advised to date subject has not entered

In view of the fact that subject's travel plans appear to be quite indefinite // no further action is being taken here at this time.

An extra copy of this letter is attached for forwarding by the Bureau to the New York Office.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898) /

DATE: 6/5/61

FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) /

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV. aka

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(00: NY)

ReNYlet to Bureau dated 4/24/61.

Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting the subject left NYC for a $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 years' concert tour in Europe. FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

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A copy of this letterhead memorandum is being furnished to ONI, NYC, since that agency has expressed an interest in the subject in the past.

Letterhead memorandum is classified "Confidential" since it contains information furnished by which is a confidential investigative technique. The disclosure of this information might impair the future effectiveness of this technique and such impairment could have an adverse effect upon the national defense.

Subject is in Section A of the Reserve Index. is being submitted. The next annual report concerning the subject will be submitted on or before 2/28/62, at which time it will be determined if subject is still in Europe on her concert tour.

SOURCES

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Careful consideration was given to each source concealed and concealment was utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-370898 / New York 100-90589 / New York, New York June 5, 1961

Re: Ray Lev

Security Matter - C

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100-370898-45 ENCLOSURE

Re: Ray Lev

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Re: Ray Lev

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- "2. Cited as a Communist front which 'is the foremost legal bulwark of the Communist Party, its front organizations, and controlled unions' and which 'since its inception has never failed to rally to the legal defense of the Communist Party and individual members thereof, including known espionage agents.'

 (Committee on Un-American Activities, House Report 3123 on the National Lawyers Guild, September 21, 1950, originally released September 17, 1950.)
- "3. 'To defend the cases of Communist lawbreakers, fronts have been devised making special appeals in behalf of civil liberties and reaching out far beyond the confines of the Communist Party itself. Among these organizations are the * * * National Lawyers' Guild. When the Communist Party itself is under fire these offer a bulwark of protection.' (Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, Handbook for Americans, S. Doc. 117, April 23, 1956, p. 91.)"

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	TO : Director, FBI (Bufile- 100-370898) D	ATE: 6/5/61
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	It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.	The "Section A" Reserve Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):
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3	Native Born Naturalized	Alien
	Communist Socialist Workers Party Miscellaneous (specify)	
I.	Date of birth Place of birth	Race Sex Male Female
	Business Address (show name of employing concern and address) Self-employed concert pianist; 5/27/61, on concert tour in Europe	for latto 2 years
	Key Facility Data	
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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

American Embassy Paris 8, France

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Date:

August 24; 1961

Director, FBI (100-370898)

From:

Legal Attache, Paris (100-848)

Subject:

SM - C

Re New York letterhead memorandum 6/5/61.

This is to advise that additional information regarding the subject's travel plans was furnished to the

were requested to advise us in the event the subject comes to their attention. information has as yet been received from Any information received in the future will be reported to the Bureau.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898) -

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FROM:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

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ReNylet to Bureau 6/5/61.

Transmitted herewith are 8 copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting that the subject is presently in England.

A pretext phone call was made by SA RICHARD G. HOFFMAN on 8/31/61 to Mr. -SAM AMERLING, attorney, 1 E. 42nd St., NYC, phone number PL 5-9320, in an effort to determine subject's exact travel status. Pretext used was that of a friend from out of town attempting to contact subject. Mr. AMERLING stated that the subject would be in England for the next several years and that LEV could be reached by mail through his address in that they forward mail to her from his office.

No copy of enclosed letterhead memorandum is being furnished to ONI; NYC inasmuch as they have advised that their interest in LEV was only in connection with

A new FD 122 is not being submitted to reflect that the subject is presently in England due to the indefinite nature of the information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
August 31, 1961

Bureau 100-370898 / New York 100-90589 /

> Re: Ray Lev Security Matter-C

Reference is made to previous communications concerning the subject dated January 26, 1961, February 28, 1961, April 4, 1961 and June 5, 1961.

By means of a suitable pretext by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, information was obtained that indicated that Ray Lev would be in England for the next several years.

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100-370898-47 ENCLOSURE



THE FOREIGN SERVICE

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Embassy . Rome, Italy

Date:

August 29, 1961

To:

Director, FBI

(100-370898)

From:

Legat, Rome

(100-254)

Subject:

RAY LEV

SECURITY MATTER - C

Re Rome letter dated 2-23-61 and New York memoranda dated 2-28-61, 4-4-61, and 6-5-61.

Sources of the Rome office were alerted to subject's departure from New York City by steamship on May 27, 1961, for an extensive concert tour in Europe and Israel, lasting approximately 18 months.

To date no information has been received indicating that subject has been in Italy.

Any information received from alerted Rome sources will be promptly forwarded to the Bureau and interested offices. No further action being taken by the Rome office at this time.

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Office Memorandum . UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO : Director, FBI (100-370898) -DATE: August 29, 1961 : Legat, London (100-1764) FROM SUBJECT: RAY LEV SM - C FOIA(b)(7) - (D)Re New York letterhead memorandum 6-5-61. There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a Confidential classification by is designated as T-1 in the enclosure. Subject is believed to still be in England and this case will be followed with and the Bureau will be further advised. 3 - Bureau (Encs.-5) (1 - New York, 100-90589) 1 - London (100-1764) ACM: MAH (4)RECEPTOR CONTEST & end to No DATE FORW. 9-18-61 KINCTOSURE SEP 13 12 18 PM . 61 HOW FORW. R. R. TWK: REC. 81. 100-370898 B SEP 11 1961 DOM INTELL DIV. EX-118

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

August 29, 1961

RAY LEV

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on August 28, 1961, that reflect that subject arrived in the United Kingdom at the Port of Plymouth from New York City and was given permission to remain in England for three months. T-1 stated no records have been located reflecting subject has departed the United Kingdom as of August 28, 1961.

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100-370898-49 ENCLOSURE

STANDARD FORM NO. 64
Office Memicandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898) DATE: September 25, 1961
SUBJECT: RAY LEV SM - C
RE: London letter dated August 29, 1961, advising subject still believed to be in England and case will be followed with
By letter dated September 20, 1961, classified which is T-1 in the enclosure, furnished the information set forth therein. Inasmuch as LEV apparently plans to remain in England until March, 1962, London will continue to follow this case
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. September 25, 1961

RAY LEV

On September 20, 1961, T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised LEV arrived at Plymouth, England, from New York on June 2, 1961, and as of September 20, 1961, she had applied for an extension of stay in the United Kingdom to enable her to give two recitals in London in February and March, 1962. T-1 advised it is anticipated that her application will be granted.

According to T-1, since LEV has been in the United Kingdom she has not come to security attention.

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Legal Attache, London (100-1764) December 13, 1961 GII-XI REC-124 Director, FBI (100-370898) 56

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Reurlet 11/30/61.

Since you have alerted your sources to our interest in the subject and no investigation was requested, you should close this case in your office. You should, however, promptly furnish the Bureau any information concerning Lev which is furnished you by your sources.

1 - New York

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is concert pianist and is on extended tour in Europe. Name included in Section A of the Reserve Index. New York Office.

Legat, London, informed case being maintained in pending status to be followed by

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OPTIONAL FORM NO. 10 UNITED STATES GETERNMENT Memorandum 7Director, FBI (100-370898) DATE: November 30, 1961 √Legat, London (100-1764) SUBJECT: RAY LEV FOIA(b)(7) - (D)SM - C .00: NEW YORK Remylet 9-25-61. advised that subject continues reside in the United Kingdom and has been granted permission to remain in England until March, 1962. She has not engaged in any security-type activity according to because she continues to reside in England, this case will be maintained in a pending status to be followed with 5 - Bureau 1 - Liaison Section (Sent direct) 1 - London (100-1764) ACM: MAH (7)REC- 123 EX-108 TE DEC 5 1961 3 36 PM '61

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Reurep 1-23-62.

The Bureau is of the opinion that information from ______ concerning the letter from Elizabeth Moos to Beatrice Johnson in Berlin should not be mentioned in details of the report. It appears that this could compromise the source. Information contained in the letter should be paraphrased.

Refer to page 4 of rerep. When the House Committee on Un-American Activities "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" is used for citation purposes, the complete citation as it appears in the HCUA publication should be set forth in the appendix. Submit amended pages.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name in Section A of the Reserve Index and she is presently in Europe on concert tour. Information contained in report should be paraphrased to a greater extent to protect source which furnished the information to Legat. Bonn.

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Stops with INS on subject have been placed in order to determine exactly when she returns to the United States.

In the information furnished by NY T-2, instant report, it is noted that the letter sent in 1952 by MOOS to JOHNSON was directed to the latter in care of "International Women's Federation (IDFF) in the Soviet sector of Berlin. This organization was not further defined by NY T-2 but it is believed to be identical to the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF). The indices of the NYO are negative on the initials "IDFF" and contain only one reference to the "Women's/International Federation," namely, that on 7/2/46, Former advised that ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN told him that the Communist Party in the United States and in European countries would shortly begin to organize an "International Women's Federation." It is noted that the WIDF was organized around the 1946-1947 period, and that FLYNN was one of the women from the United States who took part in its organization. It is further noted that in the characterization of JOHNSON, instant report, it is indicated that in 1956, she was working for the WIDF in East Berlin. Consequently, it is believed that they are identical, however, it is not being so indicated in this report since no information is available to definitely confirm this fact.

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characterized as a confidential source abroad inasmuch as the information furnished by them/was obtained through by the Bureau/Legat in Bonn, and pertains/to data obtained in Germany.

INFORMANTS

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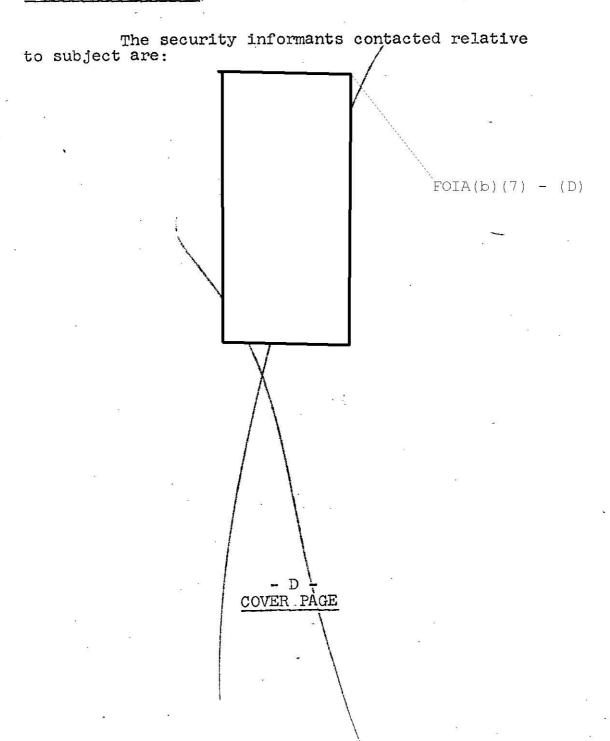
In the characterization of ELIZABETH MOOS, the Special Agents who interviewed Mrs. ANN REMMINGTON are JULIUS L. MATTSON and MAURICE A. TAYLOR.

In the characterization of MURIEL DRAPER, the first confidential source is LOUIS BUDENZ, who identified her as/a concealed Communist, and the second confidential source is

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1.	Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section \square A or \square B of the Reserve Index.
2. X	Subject's name is included in Section X A or B of the Reserve Index.
3. X	The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4.	Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
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6. X	Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7. 🗀	Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
reve sour comp defe	This report is classified Genfidential because (state reason) lation of information furnished by confidential ces abroad might compromise these sources, and such a romise might have an adverse effect upon the national nse interest. Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) is out of the country.
it i	This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card. This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) is felt that in a time of national emergency she do not a position to influence others against the conal interest or furnish material financial aid to versive elements due to her past subversive associates

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

Report of: Date:

ARTHUR B. FULTON 1/23/62

Office: New York, New York

Field Office File No .:

100-90589 ~

Bureau File No.: 100-370898 ~

Title:

RAY LEV

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject currently resides in England where she is on a concert tour and expected to remain until March, 1962. She has not engaged in any security type activity in England since her arrival there in June, 1961. Subject mentioned as a participant in a memorial meeting for MURIEL DRAPER in a letter sent by ELIZABETH MOOS in 1952 from NY to BEATRICE S. JOHNSON in East Berlin.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

Residence and Employment

On September 20, 1961, NY T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised that subject arrived at Plymouth, England from New York on June 2, 1961, and as of September 20, 1961, she had applied for an extension of stay in the United Kingdom to enable her to give two recitals in London in February and March, 1962.

On November 28, 1961, NY T-1 advised that subject continues to reside in the United Kingdom and has been granted permission to remain in England until March, 1962.

II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

On September 20, 1961, and again on November 28, 1961, NY T-1 advised that subject has not engaged in any security type activity while in England.

NY T-2, a confidential source abroad, on February 9, 1961, advised that in a letter dated October 6, 1952, from one ELISABETH MOOS in New York, New York, addressed to BEATRICE S. JOHNSON, International Women's Federation (IDFF), 13 Unter den

Linden Berlin - Mitte (Soviet sector), the name of one RAY LEV, among others, was mentioned as a speaker or a performer at a meeting held in memory of MURIEL no Localiti DRAPER.

ELIZABETH MOOS

On May 17, 1961, Mrs. REMMINGTON, daughter of ELIZABETH MOOS, advised Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) that her mother, ELIZABETH MOOS, became /a Communist Party (CP) member about 1937 and, as far as she knew, was still a Communist.

On June 27, 1955, ANITA BELL SCHNEIDER, 20-20 Garfield Road, San Diego, California, testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in public session at Los Angeles, California, that she joined the CP in the Summer of 1951 at the request of the FBI and was a member until December, 1954. SCHNEIDER testified that sometime during the time of her membership in the CP, she knew ELIZABETH MOOS /to have been a CP member.

BEATRICE SISKIND JOHNSON

"The Worker,", an East Coast Communist newspaper, issue of November 19, 1950, page 8, column 1, described BEATRICE SISKIND JOHNSON as a "well known...Communist woman leader"...

In testimony before the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) in November, 1949, BEATRICE SISKIND admitted that she was Educational Director of the Industrial Section, New York State CP.

As of October 13, 1950, JOHNSON was released on \$10,000 bail pending deportation by INS. On November 10, 1950, she voluntarily left the United States aboard the SS\BATORY for Gdynia, Poland.

On January-24, 1956, and again on March 27, 1956, 6-20nfidential source furnished the information that BEATRICE JOHNSON was connected with the Women's International Democratic Federation (WIDF) in East Berlin, Germany.

The WIDF is cited on page 91 of the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications, "HCUA, revised January 2, 1957.

MURIEL DRAPER

A confidential source advised on June 21, 1950, that MURIEL DRAPER was a member of the CP in th 1940's.

A second confidential source advised on March/1, 1950, that MURIEL DRAPER was then president of the Congress of American Women, which organization is cited in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications", HCUA, revised January 2, 1957.



Records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York, reflect under certificate number 18420 that MURIEL DRAPER died on August 26, 1952, of natural causes at University Hospital, New York, New York.

Security informants familiar with various phases of CP activity in the New York City area were contacted relative to subject during January, 1962, with negative results.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York January 23, 1962

In Reply, Please Refer to

File No.

NY 100-90589

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is madé to the New York report of Special Agent Arthur B./Fulton, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) used in referenced communication have furnished reliable/information in the past.

NY T-1 and NY T-2/are confidential sources abroad.

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REFERENCE:

Report of SA MAMES E. GARRIS, 2/28/61, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE:

An extra copy of this report is being designated for the Bureau for dissemination to Legat, London, inasmuch as subject is in England until March, 1962.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

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FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV aka

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Re Bureau letter, dated 2/12/62.

RAPA

In compliance with referenced letter, there is enclosed herewith for the Bureau, five revised copies of the report of SA ARTHUR B. FULTON, dated 1/23/62, at NY, re captioned subject. Due to the nature of the changes requested by re letter in the originally submitted report of 1/23/62, the NYO deemed it more practical to submit a revised report instead of amended pages.

The Bureau is requested to destroy the five copies of the previously submitted report of 1/23/62, replacing them with the enclosed report. The NYO has taken similar action with their copies.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 4/30/62

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV aka '

SM-C

(00:NY)

Rerep of SA ARTHUR B. FULTON, dated 1/23/62, at NY.

NYO has received no information indicating subject has returned to the US. It is noted that she is reportedly residing in England and was making a concert tour in Europe.

NYO will contact logical sources of information in the NY area to determine if any information is available reflecting that she has returned to the US. Lookout requests are outstanding with INS, Washington, D.C.

WFO is requested at this time to recheck subject's passport file with the Dept. of State and will report current information contained therein. It is noted subject's Passport #1258299 was issued 11/12/58. It was reviewed 11/10/60. WFO is also requested to place a stop against subject with the Passport Division.

	The Bureau is requested to instruct Legat, London
h1	(100-1764) for current information as to residence
Ш	and employment of subject. It is noted that Legat, London letter
II	to the Bureau dated 11/30/61 reflected that had advised
	that subject was granted permission to remain in the United
	Kingdom until March, 1962.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 5/22/62

FROM

SAC, WFO (100-24097) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka

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Relet from NY dated 4/30/62 which requested WFO to check records of the Passport Office, Department of State, for any current information.

IC RUPERT G. DANIELS on 5/16/62 reviewed the subject's file at the Passport Office.

The file indicated that passport number 1258299 was renewed for the subject on 11/10/60 for a proposed 18 months concert tour in England, France, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandanavia and Israel. She was leaving from NY on approximately 11/16/60 on the "S.S. Liberte." Her permanent residence was 120 West 71st St., Apartment 3R, New York 23, New York.

A stop has been placed at the Passport Office concerning the subject.

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Legal Attache, London (100-1764)

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Reurlet 5-21-62.

Since subject has left England and your sources have been alerted to furnish you any information about her possible return, you should close this case.

1 - New York (100-90589)

1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (route through for review)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name in Section A of the Reserve Index of the New York Office. She is concert pianist and is on extended tour of Europe. She departed London 4-28-62 for Berlin.

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Legat, London (100-1764)

SUBJECT:

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advised that subject departed England at London Airport for Berlin, Germany April 28, 1962. states if and when subject returns to England this office will be advised. The purpose of her visit is not known,

This case will be maintained in a pending status to be followed with sources of this office.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: JUN 21 1962

FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) -C

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

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(OO: NEW YORK)

ReBulet to Legat, London, 6/4/62, and Legat, London, letter to Bureau, 5/21/62.

Subject is included in the RI - A of the NYO. She is a concert pianist and for the past two years has been on a concert tour in Europe.

The following sources in the NYO were contacted by SA VINCENT J. ASECERI, during the period of April to June, 1962, for current information concerning the subject, but no current information concerning RAY LEV was developed through these sources:

National Concert and Artists Corporation. 711 5th Ave., NYC

National Concert Bureau 110 W. 34th St., NYC

Hurok Artists, Inc. 730 5th Ave., NYC

British Information Service 45 Rockefeller Plaza NYC

Carnegie Hall West 57th St. NYC

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"Musical America" 111 W. 57th St NYC

Columbia Artists W. 57th St., NYC

The "New York Times" newspaper morgue 229 W. 43rd St., NYC

RAYMOND RAYES, elevator operator, 490 West End Ave., NYC, a former residence of the subject, advised that subject was still in Europe, as far as he could determine from inquiry of tenants at that address.

JAMES SULLIVAN, Carrier, USPO, Ansonia Station, W. 67th St. and Broadway, NYC, advised on 6/5/62 that he recalls delivering mail to the subject approximately two years ago, but that no mail for her as come to his attention since that time.

Stops are currently outstanding against the subject with INS and the Passport Division at Washington, D.C. Since no further investigation is to be conducted at the present time, in this matter, this case is being closed.

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Legal Attache, London (100-1764) RFC- 124

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Reurlet 7-19-62.

Close case. In view of the fact that your sources have verified subject's presence in England and are aware of the Bureau's interest in her, it does not appear there is any reason for you to retain this case in a pending status. In the future, upon receipt of information from your sources concerning subject, close the case at the time such information is furnished to the Bureau. If it is maintained in a pending status by you, furnish detailed reasons for such action.

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1 - Foreign Liaison Unit (Route through for review)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject's name is in Section A of the Reserve Index of New York Office. She is a concert pianist and is on extended concert tour of Europe, making her headquarters in England. Legat, London, gives reason for maintaining case in pending status the fact that she has returned to the United Kingdom from one of her short trips.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

FROM LEGAT, LONDON (100-1764) (P)

SUBJECT: RAY LEV
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OO: New York (100-90589)

ReBulet dated June 4, 1962.

There are enclosed the original and four copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a secret classification by is designated as T-1

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indicates subject has returned to the United Kingdom and, accordingly, this case is being retained in a pending status

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C. July 19, 1962

RAY LEV

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on July 6, 1962, that subject departed England at London Airport for Pisa, Italy. T-1 advised on July 12, 1962, that subject arrived back in England from Pisa on July 4, 1962.

T-1 stated subject has not come to his attention in a derogatory connection during her residence in England.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)(P)

SUBJECT:

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(OO:NEW YORK)

Rerep of SA ARTHUR B. FULTON, 1/23/62, at NY.

Above-captioned case is being re-opened for the purpose of an annual report.

The Bureau is requested to have Legat, London (100-1764) contact for current information as to residence and employment of the subject. It is noted that Legat, London, letter to Bureau dated 7/19/62, that case was being maintained in a pending status because the subject was then in the United Kingdom.

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Reurlet 1/3/63.

In previous correspondence you were furnished pertinent information of subject's activities and instructed to alert your sources to ascertain subject's activities while she remained abroad. This would, of course, necessitate your advising other Legal Attaches of subject's travel from England into territory abroad covered by other Legal Attaches.

Relet fails to indicate that a copy of that letter was furnished Rome or that the Legal Attache in Rome is aware of the subject's departure for Greece. In the future, make certain that appropriate Legal Attaches are advised in instances of this nature.

One copy of referenced letter is enclosed for Rome. Rome should handle in accordance with instructions set out in Bureau letter 1/4/61 and subsequent communications, copies of which have been furnished Rome.

2 - Rome (100-254) (Enc.)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Subject is a concert pianist and has been on an extended tour of Europe for approximately $1\frac{1}{2}$ years and has maintained her headquarters in England. She is on Section A of the Reserve Index. Relet reveals subject departed England 8/3/62 for Greece. According to relet, it appears that Rome was not advised.

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Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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FROM

Legat, London (100-1764) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka.

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Re New York letter dated 12/3/62.

Relet requested Legat, London to contact sources for current information regarding residence and employment of subject, it being noted that as of 7/19/62 Legat, London, had maintained this case in a pending status.

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated 8/1/62 requesting this office to close case.

For the information of the Bureau and New York, subject departed England for Greece on 8/3/62, traveling on passport No. B392344. Her residence while in England was 18 Brockley Crescent, London, S.E. 23.

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REFERENCE

Report of SA ARTHUR B. FULTON, 1/23/62, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

Copies of this report are being designated for the Legat, London, inasmuch as the subject is currently residing in London, England.

On 12/17/62, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, INS, 20 West Broadway, NYC, advised SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN that the stop placed with INS on the subject in order to determine her return to the US was in effect and expires in May, 1967.

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INFORMANTS

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Other security informants contacted relative to the subject are:

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At Washington, D.C.

WFO is requested to recontact Passport Division, Department of State, to determine and report any current information concerning the subject. It is noted subject

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departed England for Greece on August 3, 1962, travelling on Passport # B392344.

In addition, WFO is requested to determine the status of the stop placed on subject with the Passport Division.

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1.		Subject's name is being recommended for inclusion in Section $\hfill\Box$ A or $\hfill\Box$ B of the Reserve Index.
2.	X	Subject's name is included in Section X A or B of the Reserve Index.
3.		The data appearing on the Reserve Index Card are current.
4.		Changes on the Section A Reserve Index Card are necessary and Form FD-122a has been submitted to the Bureau.
5.	X	A suitable photograph 🗓 is 🗆 is not available.
6.		Careful consideration has been given to each source concealed and T symbols were utilized only in those instances where the identities of the sources must be concealed.
7.		Subject is employed in a key facility and is charged with security responsibility. Interested agencies are
8.		This report is classified — Confidential because (state reason) revelation of information furnished by confidential sources abroad might compromise thise sources. Such a compromise might have an adverse effect upon the national defense interests.
9.	X	Subject was not reinterviewed because (state reason) she is out of the country.
10.		This case no longer meets the Section A Reserve Index criteria and a letter has been directed to the Bureau recommending cancellation of the Section A Reserve Index card.
11.	X	This case has been re-evaluated in the light of the Reserve Index criteria and it continues to fall within such criteria because (state reason) it is felt that in a time of national emergency she would be in a position to influence others against the national interest or furnish material or financial aid to subversive elements due to her past subversive associates and ideologies.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JULICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Copy to:

2- Legat, London

Report of:

EARL BARNES

Office:

New York, New York

Date:

1/22/63

Field Office File No .:

100-90589

Bureau File No.:

100-370898

Title:

RAY LEV

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject currently resides in England where she is on a concert tour. She has not engaged in any security-type activity since her arrival there in June, 1961.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

On July 12, 1962, NY T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised that the subject arrived back in England from Pisa, Italy, on July 4, 1962.

On August 3, 1962, NY T-1 advised that the subject again departed England for Greece on August 3, 1962, travelling on Passport Number B392344 and that her residence while in England was 18 Brockley Crescent, London, S.E. 23.

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II. AFFILIATION WITH THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENT

On July 12, 1962, NY T-1 advised that the subject has not engaged in any security-type activity during her residence in England.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Security informants who are familiar with some phases of Communist Party activity in the New York City area were contacted during December, 1962, and January, 1963, regarding the subject and they were unable to furnish any information concerning her.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York January 22, 1963

Bureau- 100-370898 New York- 100-90589

Title

Ray Lev

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Reference is made to the New York report of Special Agent Earl Barnes, dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

NY T-1 is a confidential source abroad.

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THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

The American Embassy Rome, Italy

Date:

February 13, 1963

To:

Director, FBI (100-370898)

From:

(100-254) (RUC) Legat, Rome

Subject:

RAY LEV, aka

Ray Lev Edgar

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(00: New York)

ReBulet dated 1/14/63.

Information set forth in the attached memorandum was made available by Mr. GEORGE HALOULOS, Director, Alien's Directorate, Athens, Greece, on 2/7/63.

No further action being taken by Rome Office.

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

February 13, 1963

RAY LEV

The following information was made available by a confidential source abroad on February 7, 1963, concerning the above-captioned individual:

RAY LEV, a U. S. citizen, bearer of U. S. passport number B-372344, entered Greece on August 3, 1962, and departed Greece on August 7, 1962, for an unknown destination. During her stay in Greece, the above-captioned individual resided at the Hotel Alice in Athens, Greece.

RAY LEV was born on May 8, 1910, and listed her occupation as a concert pianist. Her permanent address was listed as 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York.

The above-captioned individual was not the subject of any suspect activity during her stay in Greece.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 3/1/63

FROM

SAC, WFO (100-24097) (P)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka

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Renyrep by SA EARL BARNES dated 1/22/63, captioned as above, which requested a check of Passport Office records at the Department of State.

IC JAMES W. MURRAY, on 2/19/63, ascertained that the subject's record at the Passport Office contained no additional information subsequent to the time it was reviewed on 5/16/62. The results of the 5/16/62 file review at the Passport Office were furnished by letter to the Bureau and New York on 5/22/62.

The Passport Office is continuing in its effort to ascertain the name of the person to whom Passport B-392344 was issued. Results of that record check will be furnished as soon as results are obtained.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (P)

DATE:

3/20/63

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV SM-C

(OO:NY)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Anchorage letter to NY, cc to WFO, dated 2/27/63.

Enclosed herewith is the original and 4 copies of a letterhead memorandum containing information concerning the subject.

he Bureau is requested to have the Legat, London, (100-1764)verify subject's departure from England.

NY will maintain case in a current status and verify subject's residence in NYC, in April, 1963.

Bureau (100-370898) (Encls.5) - New York (100-90589) **REC-52** 100-370898-67 EB:nbc (3)EX-118 12 MAD 22 1963 Copy to D Lendon by feating slip for action



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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York March 20, 1963

Re: Ray Lev

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On February 25, 1963, Inspector George Pettit, Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), Anchorage, Alaska, advised that subject, a female, had arrived in Anchorage, Alaska, via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines from Tokyo, Japan.

Inspector Pettit advised that Lev was described as follows:

Name
Sex
Female
Race
Born
May 8, 1910
Russia
Height
Hair
Brown, graying

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Inspector Pettit stated she presented United States Passport number B392344, dated May 24, 1961, and indicated that the person to be notified, if need be, is one Harry Abrams, 33 East 70th Street, New York City.

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Re: Ray Lev

Her foreign address was shown as Ibbso Tillette, 124 Wigmore Street, London, England, and her attorney was Mr. Saram Amerling, 328 7th Avenue, New York City.

Inspector Pettit advised that the following information was obtained from Lev by interview:

She was a teacher in Tokyo, Japan, for the past three years, and is currently on a tour which is taking her from Tokyo, Japan, to Amsterdam, Holland, and several other places on the continent. She will return to London, England, and in early April, 1963, she will return to her residence in New York City.

Memorandum

TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

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3/27/63 DATE:

SAC, WFO (100-24097) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka SM-C (OO:NY)

Rerep by SA EARL BARNES dated 1/22/63 at New York

City which requested that Passport Office records be checked concerning the subject.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight copies of a LHM captioned as above and two copies of the same for New York.

IC JAMES W. MURRAY reviewed the subject's passport file at the Passport Office, Department of State, on 3/18/63.

Passport file also showed that the subject applied for her passport on Department of State Form DSP-11, dated 3/4/59, which form did not contain any questions or information pertaining to Communist Party membership nor did it contain the warning as provided for in Section 6 of the Internal Security Act of 1950.

The subject's photograph on her application for the passport was copied. The copies will be furnished to the New York Office separately by routing slip when the processing has been completed.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

March 27, 1963

RAY LEV SECURITY MATTER - C

The file maintained for captioned individual at the Passport Office, U.S. Department of State, was reviewed on March 18, 1963, and contained the following information:

Passport Number B392344 was issued to Ray Lev on May 24, 1961. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet-Nam under communist control. This passport will expire on May 23, 1964, and may be renewed for two years.

The application for this passport was dated May 19, 1961, at New York, New York, and contained the following:

Ray Lev was born May 8, 1910 at Russia. Her permanent residence was listed as 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3R, New York 23, New York. Her mailing address was listed as Hotel Spencer Arms, 140 West 69th Street, Apartment 119 A, New York 23, New York.

Her parents were shown as:

Moses Lev; born 1869, in Russia; later Father:

became a U.S. citizen: Now deceased.

Debora Lev; born 1884, in Russia, later became U.S. citizen; Residing in care of Mother:

MarioN Lev, 140 West 69th Street, New York,

New York.

She indicated that she was last married on September 13, 1952, to George Paul Edgar, who was born in Russia, on July 9, 1923. This marriage was terminated by divorce on January 18, 1956. Her husband's residence was listed as 1 Washington Square Village. New York. New York.

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RE: RAY LEV

She indicated that she intended to depart from the Port of New York, via ship, for a stay abroad of approximately 18 months. The proposed itinerary was shown as: England, France, Italy, Holland, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandinavia and Israel.

The purpose of the trip was shown as "concert tours."

She was described as follows:

Height: 5 feet 2½ inches Hair: Brown and gray

Eyes: Brown

Marks: Scar under left nostril Occupation: Concert pianist

She indicated that she immigrated to the United States in April or May, 1913, residing continuously therein from that date to 1961. She indicated that her father was naturalized before the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, on April 29, 1930. His Certificate of Naturalization number was 3245841. She indicated that her mother was naturalized before the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, on August 3, 1943. Her Certificate of Naturalization number was 5601401.

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Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 5/10/63

Legat, London (100-1764) (P)

SUBJECT:

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Re New York letter 3/20/63.

advised that as of that date no information had been received indicating subject had returned to the United Kingdom. advised that her travels included the following:

Left London Airport for Athens, Greece on 8/3/62 and had at that time applied for a visa for a two week visit to Hong Kong;

Arrived London from Amsterdam, Holland, 2/26/63;

Left London for Amsterdam 3/7/63;

Arrived London from Vienna, Austria and Paris on 3/19/63 and departed London for Paris and Berlin, Germany on 3/29/63.

stated/prior to subject's last departure from England she again applied for a visa to visit Hong Kong as a tourist.

This case will be maintained in a pending status, to be followed with looking for information regarding subject's return to England. If, however, the New York Office ascertained subject has returned to the United States, Legat, London, should be advised.

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DATE: 5/17/63

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FROM

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (C)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

(00:NY)

Re NY let to Bureau, 3/20/63.

On 4/16/63, GEORGE RYAN, elevator operator at 490 West End Ave., NYC, a former residence of the subject, advised subject was still in Europe to his knowledge and has not been in contact with anyone in this building.

On 4/16/63, RAYMOND RAYES, Superintendent, 490 West End Ave., NYC, advised that subject has not been in contact with him and is not expected to do so. He said this apartment dwelling is fully occupied at this time and the subject did not maintain residence at this address.

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On 5/14/63, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Asst. Chief, Records Admin. and Information Sect., INS, 20 West Broadway, NYC, advised SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN that a stop is currently outstanding against the subject. In addition has been alerted by Legat, London to verify subject's departure from England.

In view of the above no further investigation is being considered by the NYO at this time, and case is being closed.

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Re Legat, London letter dated 5/10/63 and NYlet dated 5/17/63.

LILLIAN PARKER, Cashier, Hotel Spencer Arms, 120 West 71st Street, NY, NY, advised SA FRANK BYDLON on 6/13/63 that RAY LEV resided in Apartment 119A, for approximately three months during the early part of 1962, just prior to her going on tour in Europe. She stated that the subject is still on tour from information that she had received.

She stated that she has no information concerning the subject's current location. She said that she has not heard from the subject since she departed on tour, but felt that when she returns to NYC, she will receive information concerning this fact.

Current lookout notices are placed with INS concerning the subject's return to this country.

In view of the above information, no further investigation is being conducted by the NY Division at this time, and this case is being placed in a closed status.

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Director, FBI

(100-370898)

DATE:

6/27/63

Legat, London (100-1764)

SUBJECT:

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Remylet 5/10/63.

advised that there has been no record of subject returning to England since she departed on 3/29/63, as set out in referenced letter. If subject does return to England, this office will be advised and as there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in a RUC status.

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Memorandum

Director, FBI

(File / 00-370 898) DATE: 1/2/64

(File/N -90589)

SUBJECT: RAY LEV, oka (RI-A)

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REFERENCE

Report of SA EARL BARNES, 1/22/63, at New York.

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ADMINISTRATIVE

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Copies of this report are being designated for the Legat, London, inasmuch as has been alerted to furnish any

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On 12/18/63, SIDNEY A. DAVIS, Assistant Chief, Records Administration and Information Section, INS, 20 West Broadway, NY, NY, advised SA WILLIAM F. MARTIN that the stop placed with INS on the subject in order to determine her return to the United States was in effect and expires in May, 1967.

The agent to whom information was furnished by Inspector PETTIT, INS, Anchorage, is unknown.

INFORMANTS

Identity of Source

File Where Located

NY T-1 Mr. GEORGE HALOULOS, Director, Alien's Directorate, Athens, Greece,

Instant file, serial 250

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NY T-2

Instant file, serial 259

Other security informants contacted:

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Copy to:

Report of:

RICHARD A. SHAW

Date:

January 31, 1964

Field Office File #:

NY 100-90589

Bureau File #: 100-370898

Office: New York, New York

Title:

RAY LEV

Character:

SECURITY MATTER - C

Synopsis:

Subject currently overseas. Information concerning foreign travel set forth. Background information contained in passport records set forth.

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DETAILS

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

LILLIAN PARKER, Cashier, Hotel Spencer Arms, 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York, advised SA FRANK BYDLON on June 13, 1963, that RAY LEV'resided in Apartment 119A, for approximately three months during the early part of 1962, just prior to her going on tour in Europe. She stated that the subject is still on tour from information that she had received.

She stated that she has no information concerning the subject's current location. She said that she has not heard from the subject since she departed on tour, but felt that when she returns to New York City, she will receive information concerning this fact.

On December 18, 1963, LILLIAN PARKER, described above, advised SA RICHARD A. SHAW that she had no further information to report since last contacted and to her belief, subject was still on concert tour overseas. Miss PARKER felt certain that she would receive information concerning the fact that subject had returned to New York City, when and if she does.

The file maintained for captioned individual at the Passport Office, United States Department of State, was reviewed on March 18, 1963, by IC JAMES W. MURRAY and contained the following information:

Passport Number B392344 was issued to RAY LEV on May 24, 1961. This passport was not valid for travel to Albania, Cuba and those portions of China, Korea and Viet Nam under communist control. This passport will expire on May 23, 1964, and may be renewed for two years.

The application for this passport was dated May 19, 1961, at New York, New York, and contained the following:

RAY LEV was born May 8, 1910, at Russia. Her permanent residence was listed as 120 West 71st Street, Apartment 3R, New York 23, New York. Her mailing address was listed as Hotel Spencer Arms, New York 23, New York.

Her parents were shown as:

Father: Moses Lev; born 1869, in Russia;

later became a United States

citizen; now deceased.

Mother: Debora Lev; born 1884, in Russia;

later became United States citizen; residing in care of Marion Lev, 140 West 69th Street, New York,

New York.

She indicated that she was last married on September 13, 1952, to GEORGE PAUL EDGAR, who was born in Russia, on July 9, 1923. This marriage was terminated by divorce on January 18, 1956. Her husband's residence was listed as 1 Washington Square Village, New York, New York.

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She indiciated that she intended to depart from the Port of New York, via ship, for a stay abroad of approximately 16 months. The proposed itinerary was shown as: England, France, Italy, Holland, Germany, Austria, Portugal, Scandinavia and Israel.

The purpose of the trip was shown as "concert tours".

She was described as follows:

Height: 5 feet 2 1/2 inches

Hair: brown and gray

Eyes: brown

Marks: Scar under left nostril Occupation: Concert pianist

She indicated that she immigrated to the United States in April or May, 1913, residing continuously therein from that date to 1961. She indicated that her father was naturalized before the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, on April 29, 1930. His Certificate of Naturalization number was 3245841. She indicated that her mother was naturalized before the United States District Court, Eastern District of New York, Brooklyn, New York, on August 3, 1943. Her Certificate of Naturalization number was 5601401.

II. FOREIGN TRAVEL

RAY LEV, a United States citizen, bearer of United States passport number B-372344, entered Greece on August 3, 1962, and departed Greece on August 7, 1962, for an unknown destination. During her stay in Greece, the above-captioned individual resided at the Hotel Alice in Athens, Greece.

RAY LEV was born on May 8, 1910, and listed her occupation as a concert pianist. Her permanent address was listed as 120 West 71st Street, New York, New York.

The above-captioned individual was not the subject of any suspect activity during her stay in Greece.

NY T-1, February 7, 1963

On February 25, 1963, Inspector GEORGE PETTIT, Immigration and Naturalization Service, (INS), Anchorage, Alaska, advised that subject, a female, had arrived in Anchorage, Alaska, via KLM Royal Dutch Airlines from Tokyo, Japan.

Inspector PETTIT advised that LEV was described as follows:

Name:
Sex:
Female
Race:
White
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Height:
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He stated she presented United States Passport number B392344, dated May 24, 1961, and indicated that the person to be notified is HARRY ABRAMS, 33 East 70th Street, New York City, that her foreign address is IBBSO TILLETTE, 124 Wigmore Street, London, England, and that her attorney is Mr. SARAM AMERLING, 328-7th Avenue, New York City.

Inspector PETTIT advised that the following information was obtained from LEV by interview:

She was a teacher in Tokyo, Japan, for the past three years, and she is currently on a tour which is taking her from Tokyo, Japan, to Amsterdam, Holland, and several other places on the continent, that she will return to London, England, and in early April, 1963, she will return to her residence in New York City.

On April 26, 1963, NY T-2 advised that as of that date no information had been received indicating subject had returned to the United Kingdom, NY T-2 advised that her travels included the following:

Left London Airport for Athens, Greece on August 3, 1962 and had at that time applied for a visa for a two week visit to Hong Kong;

Arrived London from Amsterdam, Holland, February 26, 1963;

Left London for Amsterdam, March 7, 1963;

Arrived London from Vienna, Austria and Paris on March 19, 1963 and departed London for Paris and Berlin, Germany on March 29, 1963.

NY T-2 stated prior to subject's last departure from England she again applied for a visa to visit Hong Kong as a tourist.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Other confidential informants familiar with certain phases of Communist Party activities in the Greater New York City area, were contacted during December, 1963 and January, 1964 in an effort to ascertain information concerning subject and advised that they were not familiar with subject.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

January 31, 1964

Title Ray Lev

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Reference Report of Special Agent Richard A. Shaw, dated and captioned as above, at New York.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589)(c)

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Re NYreport of SA RICHARD A. SHAW, dated 7/31/64.

Indices negative regarding subject since date of referenced report.

On 1/13/65, Mr. SARAM AMERLING, Attorney for subject, 358 5th Avenue, New York City, advised that subject is presently on a ship en route from Tokyo to an unknown destination in Europe. Mr. AMERLING stated subject did not have any plans to return to the U.S. anytime in the near future.

The following informants were contacted during the month of December and were unable to furnish any information

concerning her:

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Since there is no unreported activity on the part of subject, no annual report is being submitted and this letter is meant to serve as the 1965 annual report.

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TO

Director, FBI

(100-370898)

DATE:

3/17/65

FROM

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(100-1764)

(RUC)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

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FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

00: New York (100-90589)

Re New York report of SA RICHARD A. SHAW dated 1/31/64.

There are enclosed five copies of a memorandum containing information concerning subject made available under a CONFIDENTIAL classification by

is designated as T-1 in the enclosure.

As there are no further leads outstanding, this case is being placed in a RUC status and will be reopened upon receipt of additional information.

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March 17, 1965

RAY LEV

T-1, a confidential source abroad, advised on March 11, 1965, that subject arrived in England at Harwich from the Hook of Holland on February 12, 1965 and was given permission to remain for one month, providing she did not enter into any paid or unpaid employment. T-1 stated subject has applied for a six months extension and for permission to give a concert recital in London on April 7, 1965.

T-1 stated subject has not come to his notice in any security connection and it is probable that her request for a six months extension will be approved.

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6/22/65 TO Director, FBI (100-370898)DATE: Legat, London (100-1764)(RUC) FROM SUBJECT: RAY LEV $^{\prime}$ FOIA(b)(7) - (D) SM - CNew York (100-90589) 00: Remylet 3/17/65. advised that subject departed London for Berlin, Germany, by air on 5/3/65 and returned to London by air from Amsterdam on 5/18/65. She continues to reside in England and has not attention in any security connection. come to This case will be followed and any subsequent information of value will be forwarded to the Bureau in memorandum form. Bureau -l'- Liaison (direct) 1 - London ACM: vw (5)

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

WASHINGTON

JUN 1 5 1966

FBI Liaison:

For Information Only

Re:

Ray Lev

Born:

May 8, 1910

Place:

Rostov, Russia

Residence:

41 W86th Street,

New York 24, New York

(Hotel Cameron)

Bureau File Number:

100-370898

Washington Field Office:

100-24097

Passport Number:

G 503391 issued May 24, 1966

at New York

Attorney:

Travel Plans

Port of Departure:

New York

Date of Departure:

August 1, 1966

Means of Transportation:

Unknown

Proposed Length of Stay:

Unknown

Countries to be Visited:

England, Holland, W. Germany,

Sweden, Austria, France and

perhaps others

Purpose of Trip:

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TO : Director, FBI (Bufile - 100-370898) DATE: 7/8/66
SUBJECT: RAY LEV SM - C (OO: NEW YORK)	Cards UTD Cards Sent 00 7/14/65
Re:	
It is recommended that a "Section A" Reserve Index Card be prepared on the above-captioned individual.	The "Section A" Reserve Index Card on the captioned individual should be changed as follows (specify change only):
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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: JUL 1 3 1966

FROM

SUBJECT:

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (-P-)

RAY LEV

SM-C (OO:NY) FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

Re Passport Office memo, 6/15/66.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of an LHM reflecting proposed foreign travel on the part of the subject.

The sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

1st Source 2nd Source LOUIS F. BUDENZ (By request)

On 7/8/66, SYLVIA BUKATMAN, Auditor, Hotel Cameron, 41 West 86th St., NYC, advised that the subject has been a resident at the above address for about three months. She said she was not aware of any travel plans on the part of the subject and would in fact be surprised if the subject did depart. Miss BUKATMAN explained that the Hotel had gone to considerable expense to redecorate the subject's rooms and in addition had stored many of her valuables in a storage room which action was against Hotel policy, under the impression that her stay at the Hotel Cameron would be permanent.

This enclosed LHM is classified Confidential because of information supplied by the above noted sources, whose identities if disclosed, could have an adverse effect upon the National Defense.

A FD-122a is being submitted reflecting subject's current resident address.

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NEW YORK

At New York, New York

Will ascertain if subject departs on foreign travel subsequent to 8/1/66.



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION New York, New York JUL 13 1966

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> Re: Ray Lev Security Matter - C

Records of the Passport Office, Department of State, Washington, D.C., reflect that the subject was issued passport number G 503391 on May 24, 1966, at New York.

In her application for passport, the subject indicated she intended to depart from New York on August 1, 1966, for an unknown length of stay to visit England, Holland, West Germany, Sweden, Austria, France and perhaps others for the purpose of giving concerts.

In 1950, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that during the two years subsequent to 1943, JACK STACHEL, a member of the National Committee, Communist Party (CP), United States of America (USA), at that time, advised him officially several times, that the subject was under Communist discipline.

A second source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised on September 22, 1950, that a release containing a list of sponsors of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born (ACPFB) Conference to be held in New York City on December 2,3, 1950, included the subject's name among the sponsors of the National Conference.

The ACPFB has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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Re: Ray Lev

The following is a description of the subject:

Name:

Ray Lev, also known as Mrs. George P. Edgar, Ray

Lev Edgar

Race: White

Date of Birth: May 8, 1910
Place of Birth: Rostov, Russia

Sex: Female

Hair: Reddish brown

Height: $5!2\frac{1}{2}$ "

Occupation: Concert Pianist
Residence: 41 West 86th Street,

New York City

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 7/27/66

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SUBJECT:

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On 7/27/66, SYLVIA BUKATMAN, Auditor, Hotel Cameron, 41 W. 86th St., NYC, advised that the subject had indicated in recent conversations that she has no foreign commitments for concerts in the near future. Miss BUKATMAN said subject recently brought her rental up to date by payment and was completely satisfied with the redecorating of her apartment.

In view of the above, no further attempts will be made at this time to ascertain subject's travel plans. This case will be reopened in three months to determine foreign travel plans at that time.

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TO

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

8/10/66

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (C)

SM - C (00:NY)

ReNYlet, 7/27/66.

Enclosed herewith are the original and five copies of an LHM regarding foreign travel.

This case is in a closed status and will be reopened in three months to determine foreign travel plans at that time.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to File No.

Bureau 100-370898 New York 100-90589 New York, New York August 10, 1966

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Reference is made to Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) memorandum dated July 13, 1966.

On July 27, 1966, Sylvia Bukatman, Auditor, Hotel Cameron, 41 West 86th Street, New York City, advised that Ray Lev had indicated in recent conversations that she has no foreign commitments for concerts in the near future. Miss Bukatman said Lev recently brought her rental up to date by payment and was completely satisfied with the redecorating of her apartment.

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Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE:

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FROM

: (100-938) (RUC)

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SUBJECT: RAY LEV, aka
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Re Bureau R/S 7/25/66.

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•	Security Office, American Embassy, Vienna, Austria.
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<i>/ ,</i>	Data furnished to the U.S. sources was classified Material furnished to foreign sources will be handled as Under existing security agreements.
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TO

Director, FBI (100-370898)

DATE: 11/14/67

Legat, London (100-1764) (RUC)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV

SM - C

(OO: NY) (100-90589)

FOIA(b)(7) - (D)

By CONFIDENTIAL memorandum

advised that subject arrived at London Airport on 5/18/65 from Schiepol, Amsterdam, and departed the U. K. from Southampton on 4/21/66, enroute New York.

During her stay in the U. K. she did not come to security attention.

Bureau

- Liaison (direct)

1 - London

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EX 109.

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

MAY :262 EDITION GSA FPMR (41 CFR) 101-11.5 UNITED STATES GOV

Memorandum

TO

: pirector, fbi (100-370898)

DATE:

6/5/68

SAC, NEW YORK (100-90589) (C)

SUBJECT:

RAY LEV, aka. SM - C (OO:NEW YORK)

"Reserve Index card canceled."

Enclosed find three copies of an LHM containing information of the death of RAY LEV.

The subject's Reserve Index-A cards in the NYO have been cancelled.



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Bureau (Encl. 3) (RM)

- New York (100-74560) (CP FUNDS) (42)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York June 5, 1968

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> Ray Lev Security Matter-C

"The New York Post", a New York City daily newspaper, dated May 21, 1968, page 28, contained a death notice on Ray Lev, age 56, concert pianist, who was found dead on May 20, 1968, in her apartment at the Spencer Arms Hotel, 69th Street and Broadway, New York City.

On May 29, 1968, Investigative Clerk John P. Walker advised that the records of the Bureau of Vital Statistics, Borough of Manhattan, under death certificate number 11229, revealed that Ray Lev, 140 West 69th Street, New York City, born May 8, 1910, in Russia, died on May 20, 1968, at New York City, by means of asphyxia by smothering with plastic bag over head. The records also revealed that she was buried on May 24, 1968, at Montefiore Cemetery, St. Albans, New York.

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